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6	PETITION OF T-MOBILE NORTHEAST, : Case No. S-2805 LLC. AND JOHN D. AMMERMAN : OZAH No. 11-29			
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On Behalf of the Petitioner:

SEAN HUGHES, ESQ.

WITNESSES:	DIRECT	CROSS
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Hillorie Morrison	52	83
Oakleigh Thorne	98	105
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1 PROCEEDINGS

- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: This is the resumption of the
- 3 public hearing in the matter of T-Mobile Northeast, LLC.,
- 4 and John D. Ammerman, Board of Appeals number S-2805, OZAH
- 5 number 11-29, a petition for special exception under code
- 6 section 59-G-2.58.
- 7 Petitioner seeks special exception to construct an
- 8 unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on a 155-foot
- 9 tall monopole, and an associated equipment area at 19100
- 10 Wasche Road, Dickerson, Maryland 20854, in the RDT zone.
- 11 This is the resumption of a hearing begun on
- 12 June 24, 2011. That hearing had to be truncated on that
- 13 date because petitioner's counsel announced that petitioner
- 14 was seeking to move the proposed location of the cell tower,
- 15 but did not have the photo simulation studies at the new
- 16 location, nor had the Tower Commission reviewed the new
- 17 location. Today's hearing resumption was announced at the
- 18 June 24, 2011, public hearing.
- This site is on land owned by John D. Ammerman,
- 20 the co-applicant here. And the RDT zone permits
- 21 telecommunications facilities by special exception under the
- 22 Zoning Ordinance.
- This hearing is conducted on behalf of the Board
- 24 of Appeals. My name is Martin L. Grossman. I'm the hearing
- 25 examiner which means I will take evidence and write a report

1 and recommendation to the Board of Appeals which will make

- 2 the decision in this case. All right.
- I see we have some people in the audience. Is
- 4 there anybody in the audience here who is not a witness to
- 5 be called by Mr. Hughes, or for that matter by Mr. Barge?
- 6 Anybody else who wishes to be heard today?
- 7 Seeing no hands, I take it that Mr. Barge, you are
- 8 the only community person here today to testify, at least at
- 9 this point. All right. And Mr. Barge, you already did
- 10 testify at the June 24 hearing, so any testimony you give
- 11 today, as testimony, will be limited to anything regarding
- 12 the change in the location that's proposed.
- MR. BARGE: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And Mr. Hughes, how many witnesses
- 15 do you anticipate calling today?
- 16 MR. HUGHES: We have three, potentially four.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: The fourth might be a rebuttal or a
- 19 proactive witness.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And they are? Would
- 21 you name them?
- 22 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. Ms. Hillorie Morrison.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Good morning, Ms. Morrison. You
- 24 look vaguely familiar. Ms. Morrison and Mr. Hughes were
- 25 here on Friday on a different hearing.

1 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Michael McGarity, who was not

- 2 here Friday. He is a civil engineer from DMW.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 4 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Curtis Jews, radio frequency
- 5 engineer with T-Mobile. And Mr. Oakleigh Thorne on behalf
- 6 of Thorne Consultants.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right, then. And let me
- 8 deal with a couple of preliminary matters first. I should
- 9 mention, and by the way, I don't see Anne Sturm here. She,
- 10 do you know if she is coming? She was here the last time
- 11 and chose not to testify then.
- 12 MR. BARGE: That's correct. I don't know for
- 13 sure.
- 14 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. She was here on
- 15 behalf of the Sugarloaf Citizens Association. All right.
- 16 In any event, these proceedings, as last time, they're a
- 17 combination of formality and informality; that is, all
- 18 witnesses are sworn in, and are subject to cross-
- 19 examination. And Mr. Barge, you're going to be given an
- 20 opportunity, should you choose to avail yourself of it, of
- 21 cross-examining any of the witnesses that are called by
- 22 Mr. Hughes.
- 23 There is a court reporter who takes everything
- 24 down, and there is a transcript, will be a transcript of the
- 25 proceedings. We operate pretty much the way you see a

- 1 courtroom operate, albeit a bit more relaxed.
- 2 Also, this is for a special exception. And as I
- 3 may have explained, and I probably did during the first
- 4 hearing, a special exception is not what it sounds like. It
- 5 is not an exception to the statute. It is actually a
- 6 conditional use that is permitted by the Zoning Ordinance if
- 7 certain conditions are met.
- 8 They are both general conditions that apply to
- 9 almost all special exceptions, I say almost because there is
- 10 one I know of, for some reason, that does not apply to
- 11 general conditions. But almost all special exceptions have
- 12 to meet general conditions that are specified in the
- 13 statute, and are in the technical staff report, a copy of
- 14 which you should have received, the amended technical staff
- 15 report.
- 16 Have you seen the amended technical staff report,
- 17 Mr. Barge? There are copies on the table there, extra
- 18 copies. So if you want to take a look. That's the amended
- 19 report from the technical staff based on the new location of
- 20 the cell tower.
- MR. BARGE: Of the Ammerman site?
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: That's correct, of the new, it's
- 23 still on the Ammerman site, but it's moved so as to meet
- 24 setback requirements.
- MR. BARGE: The setback.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 2 MR. BARGE: 155 feet.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. Right. And so in any
- 4 event, there are both these general conditions that apply to
- 5 almost all special exceptions, and then there are specific
- 6 conditions that apply to this particular type of special
- 7 exception, a cell tower special exception. And those are
- 8 all spelled out in the Zoning Ordinance. That's what guides
- 9 us in making our recommendation here, and what will guide
- 10 the Board of Appeals in making its decision.
- 11 But as I said, it's not a variance from the
- 12 statute. It is a conditional use permitted by the statute,
- 13 if those conditions are satisfied. Okay.
- 14 A couple of preliminary matters. I'd like
- 15 electronic copies, Mr. Hughes, of any, if there are updated
- 16 things that come out in the hearing here, either textual,
- 17 which would be in Word format, or plan changes in PDF
- 18 format.
- I should announce that all the testimony from the
- 20 June 24 hearing, which essentially is yours, Mr. Barge, is
- 21 part of the record here, and need not be repeated. It is
- 22 part of the record of this case. And I have a question for
- 23 you, Mr. Hughes. Are you amending the landscape plan in
- 24 view of the staff's recommendation on page one of their
- 25 amended report?

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1 MR. HUGHES: We saw, probably when you did, sir.
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- 2 We saw, I think that came on Wednesday, or something like
- 3 that.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: I guess, I think our position is
- 6 going to be, we don't necessarily have an objection to it,
- 7 if that's something that the hearing examiner wants to
- 8 potentially move forward to the Board. We were kind of
- 9 going to see how this went, if there were any other changes.
- I guess we're open to doing so. There wasn't a
- 11 lot of specificity there, and we're going to have some
- 12 testimony. I can proffer, there's going to be some
- 13 testimony that if it's, we're talking about a few Leyland
- 14 cypress, something along there, we've talked to the landlord
- 15 and they don't seem to actually have a problem with it.
- 16 So we're not, I quess, opposed to it. We just
- 17 weren't going to, we didn't have, we weren't bringing it
- 18 forth yet at this point.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, this is kind of, this is the
- 20 point at which you bring it forth. So I would like to know
- 21 what the plan would be, if you are going to propose
- 22 something that is going to satisfy the suggestion for
- 23 additional screening by the technical staff, what exactly
- 24 that plan would be.
- 25 So I would ask that you have a witness testify as

1 to what the plan would be so that Mr. Barge can hear what

- 2 that plan is for the additional screening, and you can
- 3 respond to any questions that may be raised. I mean, this
- 4 is the time to do it at the hearing.
- 5 I realize that technical staff report wasn't
- 6 issued until, let's see --
- 7 MR. HUGHES: It was late in the day. It might
- 8 have been Tuesday or Wednesday.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. It was not -- when you
- 10 received it, so we may have gotten it a little bit earlier.
- 11 I don't have a notation here. Let's see if it's noted here.
- 12 (Discussion off the record.)
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: It was received in our office on
- 14 September 14.
- 15 MR. HUGHES: Wednesday or whenever. Okay. That's
- 16 Wednesday, right? Yes, Wednesday.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: That's Exhibit 33.
- 18 (Discussion off the record.)
- MR. GROSSMAN: In any event, in order to make sure
- 20 that we get all the necessary evidence in at this hearing,
- 21 we don't want to have to have another hearing, I would ask
- 22 you that you produce a witness today, or have one of your
- 23 witnesses testify as to what proposed screening would be in
- 24 order to meet the suggestions of technical staff. Okay.
- 25 All right.

- 1 And I would also ask that you have a witness
- 2 explain exactly what it means. You use the term concealment
- 3 pole here, and I would like that explained on the record
- 4 also, exactly what a concealment pole is. All right. Any
- 5 other preliminary or procedural matters, Mr. Hughes?
- 6 MR. HUGHES: Just a point of clarification. I
- 7 believe the exhibit list shows, but I wanted to confirm the
- 8 Affidavit of Posting. I think we did put that in last time,
- 9 even though we had an abbreviated hearing. I see it as 19.
- 10 Is that your understanding, Mr. Grossman?
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Let me look at the exhibit list.
- 12 Yes, Affidavit of Posting.
- MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And I presume that the sign remains
- 15 posted?
- 16 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. And we can have some
- 17 testimony to that, but yes.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And it should, by the
- 19 way, since there is opposition in this case, it should
- 20 remain posted for 30 days after the Board's opinion or
- 21 resolution is issued. Okay.
- 22 Mr. Barge, do you have any preliminary matters,
- 23 anything -- not your testimony now, but anything procedural
- 24 that you want to raise here? Any procedural points that you
- 25 want to raise before we turn to the hearing? You don't have

1 to have anything. I'm just saying, I'm giving you the

- 2 opportunity as I did to Mr. Hughes.
- 3 MR. BARGE: Well, as I go along, we have one.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Well, if you do, you raise
- 5 the point and we'll recognize you at that point.
- 6 MR. BARGE: All right.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Then we are ready to
- 8 proceed. I don't recall, Mr. Hughes, that you made an
- 9 opening statement the last time.
- 10 MR. HUGHES: No, sir. Could I make a brief one?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes, please.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you. Good morning,
- 13 Mr. Grossman, again, thank you for this opportunity. As you
- 14 stated, we are asking for a special exception here to
- 15 provide a telecommunications facility on the subject
- 16 property.
- 17 We intend to show that there is a need in the area
- 18 for enhanced wireless connectivity. And there will be
- 19 testimony for the need from a radio frequency engineer, as
- 20 well as documents and as well as information provided by the
- 21 Montgomery County Tower Committee.
- This is a parcel, it's about 10 acres. You will
- 23 hear testimony and see the plans that show that there are
- 24 significant setbacks in certain directions, and all the
- 25 setbacks, all the required setbacks are met.

1 You will also see, hear testimony that it meets

- 2 the setbacks to the offsite dwellings. And you'll see and
- 3 hear testimony, you'll see plans and aerials and photographs
- 4 that show that along with the setbacks there are a lot of
- 5 nice tall trees in the area, which give some additional
- 6 screening, as well as some structures on the property that
- 7 will screen the compound.
- 8 Then later, you will hear testimony also that the
- 9 landlord does own the property immediately to the south, and
- 10 you'll see photo simulations that show photos that were
- 11 taken from several different vantage points in and around
- 12 the area and what the simulated, what the balloon and what
- 13 the simulation will show, if anything.
- In this case, there is evidence, and you will hear
- 15 evidence, about the Tower Committee review, and that they
- 16 did support that there was a need. And they did recommend
- 17 approval for the proposed design and height. You also have
- 18 the planning staff report where they recommended denial and
- 19 that it meets the specific and general special exception
- 20 criteria. And they offered some conditions, four conditions
- 21 which T-Mobile would not have any exception with those
- 22 recommended conditions.
- With that, Mr. Grossman, I'd like to call our
- 24 first witness.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Let me give Mr. Barge the

1 opportunity. Mr. Barge, you remain under oath. Mr. Barge?

- 2 MR. BARGE: Yes.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. You remain under oath. Do
- 4 you have an opening statement that you wish to make here?
- 5 You may have already given it at the last, but I'll give you
- 6 another opportunity.
- 7 MR. BARGE: Yes, I would like to make an opening
- 8 statement.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. This is, once again,
- 10 this is just a brief statement, a brief statement. We're
- 11 going to give you the opportunity to further testify
- 12 regarding any changes in the plans, but this is just to,
- 13 kind of an outline where you outline what you want to --
- MR. BARGE: Well, first of all, you said you
- 15 couldn't accept my original plat. My expertise informed me
- 16 that you only accept copies. So I made copies of my plats.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. What I said was that I
- 18 didn't think you wanted me to take your originals --
- MR. BARGE: I didn't.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: -- because they would have to be
- 21 part of the record, not that I couldn't accept them.
- MR. BARGE: I made copies for you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right, sir. Thank you.
- 24 MR. BARGE: They're from the Maryland Department
- 25 of Agriculture, and the other is from the Montgomery County

- 1 Soil Conservation District.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Yes. We'll --
- 3 MR. BARGE: Before I had my stroke, they awarded
- 4 me these.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: Can I -- no objection. Do you want
- 6 me to take those up, sir?
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 8 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Barge, I'll carry them up.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Hughes.
- 10 By the way, was there an extra set of exhibit lists out
- 11 there on the table?
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Can I have that, please?
- MR. HUGHES: I'll make sure Mr. Barge has one,
- 15 too.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Thank you.
- 17 (Discussion off the record.)
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: So your certificates and citations
- 19 are going to be Exhibit 34(a) and (b).
- 20 (Exhibit No. 34 was
- 21 marked for identification.)
- MR. BARGE: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And these are 34(a) is Maryland
- 24 Department of Agriculture award to Emory Barge for
- 25 conservation. And Exhibit 34(b) is an award by the

1 Montgomery Soil Conservation District to Mr. Barge for his

- 2 commitment to conservation. All right. Is that it for your
- 3 opening, sir?
- 4 MR. BARGE: No.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 6 MR. BARGE: I'd like to make an opening statement.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. You may do so.
- 8 MR. BARGE: My name is Emory D. Barge. My address
- 9 is 21910 Whites Ferry Road, Dickerson, Dumpsville, Maryland.
- 10 Now the reason I call it Dumpsville, I bought my farm in
- 11 1973. I retired from the government. At that time they
- 12 started, right after that, they started putting a lot of
- 13 things on us that we didn't have before.
- 14 And they brought in sludge from Blue Plains to
- 15 trench in on Elmsville Road, and it was supposed to be
- 16 treated sludge. But they brought in the Dickerson
- 17 Dumpsville sludge that was buried. And then after that they
- 18 opened up a police firing range on that property.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. Mr. Barge, you've already
- 20 testified.
- 21 MR. BARGE: Oh, did I bring those things up.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. I actually summarized your
- 23 testimony. I read the transcript and summarized your
- 24 testimony as follows, so you don't have to repeat this.
- 25 Emory Barge testified he lived at 21910 Whites

1 Ferry Road, on a 170-acre farm located at .07 of a mile from

- 2 the proposed tower. He discussed awards he had won, and
- 3 another cell tower case, but noted that the reason why he is
- 4 opposed to this proposal is that it would give, it would be
- 5 in an agricultural preservation district. Quote, everything
- 6 is supposed to be beautiful, unquote.
- 7 He fears that the tower will make the place,
- 8 quote, ugly, along with other additions in the area, parens,
- 9 the Pepco plant, trenching in the sludge, and the police
- 10 firing range. He also feels that there is no need for a new
- 11 cell tower to improve service since he can already make
- 12 calls on his cell phone.
- 13 A map showing the Barge farm with an X was
- 14 introduced. Mr. Barge was unable to identify the carrier
- 15 which provides the service to his jitterbug, in quotes,
- 16 phone. So that was your, a summary of your testimony from
- 17 the last time. You don't have to repeat anything. It's all
- 18 in the record.
- MR. BARGE: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Now, so today, you can
- 21 address, since you had your opportunity to testify about the
- 22 general proposition of a cell tower here, you can address
- 23 any changes.
- 24 MR. BARGE: Yeah, the one thing, the one thing I
- 25 didn't mention, that Montgomery County has picked Dickerson

1 and the dumping for everything in Montgomery County. To

- 2 give an example, right up the road from this property, and
- 3 adjoining this property, they have established site number
- 4 2, the County, as landfill site number 2, 650 acres, that
- 5 they're going to, in the future, and I'll give you this copy
- 6 and you can keep it, that they're going to, in the future,
- 7 put in sludge into this property.
- 8 And this is near my property. And it adjoins
- 9 Ammerman's property. It shows here it adjoins it. 650
- 10 acres. The County came and bought all the houses up on the
- 11 perimeter. And it goes up Glacier Road, and it goes up
- 12 Martinsburg Road. And the County, in the future, is going
- 13 to dump all their stuff the other parts of Montgomery County
- 14 doesn't want. So that doesn't --
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: How do we know that's the case?
- 16 MR. BARGE: What?
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: How do we know the County is
- 18 planning this?
- 19 MR. BARGE: It's right here.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- MR. BARGE: It's a law.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: Why don't we have that marked.
- 23 Mr. Hughes, would you have any objection to it?
- MR. HUGHES: No.
- 25 MR. BARGE: You can look at this. The County gave

- 1 me that.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: We'll actually mark it as an
- 3 exhibit.
- 4 MR. BARGE: The County gave me that.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: I just want to make sure he knows
- 6 that you're going to keep it, Mr. Grossman.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. I'm going to keep that. I'm
- 8 going to mark it as an exhibit.
- 9 MR. BARGE: Go ahead. I don't care. So, I wish
- 10 you'd take it up, Jon, instead of him.
- MR. GROSSMAN: He's perfectly able to carry it up
- 12 for me. Thank you. This will be Exhibit 35.
- 13 (Exhibit No. 35 was
- marked for identification.)
- MR. BARGE: C?
- MR. GROSSMAN: No, just 35.
- 17 MR. BARGE: Just 35.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And it is -- let me look at what
- 19 exactly it is here. Well, I see something written in pencil
- 20 that says 650 acre landfill.
- MR. BARGE: Yes, that's right.
- MR. GROSSMAN: But who wrote the pencil?
- MR. BARGE: You'll have to give me that. I'll
- 24 have to look at it. Jon, can you -- Jon, this is my friend
- 25 I brought with me.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 2 MR. BARGE: He can walk.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Please be careful of the wires
- 4 there as you cross.
- 5 MR. BARGE: Yeah, that's just a 650 acres that's
- 6 in the law, by the Assessment Department and Taxation. And
- 7 they went ahead and condemned the properties, the houses and
- 8 the farms around it, and paid the people for moving and so
- 9 forth.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. But that's just a map of the
- 11 area. Is there --
- MR. BARGE: Well, that just shows what they've
- 13 done. So this is a ripe area for the cell tower to come in
- 14 and take what they want and know there won't be any
- 15 opposition.
- 16 I went by down Glacier Road and talked to some of
- 17 the owners near this cell tower.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Barge, you can't tell me what
- 19 the owners said near the cell tower because that would be
- 20 kind of hearsay that I can't admit here. But I want to go
- 21 back to your map and what you said about this being a
- 22 condemned property. Is there some citation to a particular
- 23 action or a law or something that you can site me to?
- 24 Because that map doesn't really show me anything accept for
- 25 the area.

- 1 MR. BARGE: Well, the County has it on record,
- 2 Montgomery County. It's a law. It's passed. They own it.
- 3 The County bought it and they own it as a future, a future
- 4 landfill site number 2. I know about this because they
- 5 originally were going to take my property as landfill site
- 6 number 1 for the future dumping. They were going to take my
- 7 property, Dr. Leak's property in back of me, and Schaeffer's
- 8 property in back of me as landfill site number 1.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Is it that whole area
- 10 that's marked in gray on the map?
- 11 MR. BARGE: It's the whole area, 650 acres.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 13 MR. BARGE: And that's to show, the only reason
- 14 I'm pointing this out, that's to show that when Montgomery
- 15 County wants to do something, they pick Dickerson
- 16 Dumpsville, police firing range going up on -- I know, going
- 17 up on the Double D.
- 18 Now this is important. When I bought the farm,
- 19 Pepco had a stack. It's now Myrant. Pepco had a stack for
- 20 the smoke. I couldn't see it. Then they came along and
- 21 built on twice as high. Pepco did it. And I can't see that
- 22 except in the winter when the leaves drop off the trees.
- Now, when the leaves drop off the trees, I'll be
- 24 able to see the monopole, 155 foot on the end of my
- 25 property. Everybody will see it when the leaves -- it's

1 camouflaged right now. But the leaves drop off in October

- 2 and you'll be able to see it.
- 3 So if they build it, T-Mobile comes by and builds
- 4 these things when the trees are out. But when the leaves
- 5 fall, there it is. And I think you can see it from certain
- 6 properties with the leaves.
- 7 Now, they did the balloon test, which I went to,
- 8 and Sugarloaf was there. I asked for a picture of it, and
- 9 he said he's send me one, but I never got one from
- 10 Sugarloaf. But they, that was pretty high up, the balloon,
- 11 155 feet. So this is not a thing that's going to improve
- 12 the property. Now, Mr. Hughes said --
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: By the way, there are copies of the
- 14 balloon test. Do you have extra copies for Mr. Barge?
- 15 MR. HUGHES: I did send him all the stuff we sent
- 16 you in July.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: And there may be some in the staff
- 19 report, though, too.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. You should have copies.
- 21 You haven't seen the balloon test pictures?
- MR. BARGE: No.
- MR. GROSSMAN: There's some in the staff report
- 24 there. You should take a look. And they're also, do you
- 25 happen to have an extra copy with you, Mr. Hughes?

- 1 MR. HUGHES: Yes.
- 2 MR. BARGE: This thing? This thing here?
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. Yes, right.
- 4 MR. BARGE: Okay. I gave it to you, Jon. I gave
- 5 you a copy.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: You have a copy for yourself, too.
- 7 MR. BARGE: Yeah, there's my truck in it, to show
- 8 that I went there. And that was pretty high up, let me tell
- 9 you something.
- MR. HUGHES: These are the photos we took. Not
- 11 Sugarloaf's photos, but these are the photos we took. Do
- 12 you want to look at these, sir?
- 13 MR. BARGE: If I have time.
- MR. GROSSMAN: On page 30 of the, they're
- 15 reproduced on page 30 of the staff report.
- 16 MR. BARGE: All that?
- 17 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. You can keep a set, if
- 18 you'd like, Mr. Barge.
- MR. BARGE: It's going up. It won't make any
- 20 difference to me. Now, Mr. Hughes, so I'm getting back to
- 21 the point, whenever the County wants to dump something or
- 22 start something, they do it in Dickerson Dumpsville because
- 23 they know there won't be any opposition. Like I'm the only
- 24 one here opposed.
- 25 I went down Glacier Road and talked to some of the

- 1 owners.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: You can't tell me what --
- 3 MR. BARGE: I know. I'm not going to tell you
- 4 what they said.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 6 MR. BARGE: But I just, I'll tell you what I did.
- 7 I went down and talked to them. And I found out, in the
- 8 past, going down and trying to get people to sign a
- 9 petition, they say, I don't want to get involved. The
- 10 County is powerful. They can do something to you. They can
- 11 raise your taxes. I don't want to speak.
- 12 And it's funny that, and I want to point this out,
- 13 I'm afraid to say it that you may throw me out of here, but
- 14 I objected to the guy saying it. I go to McDonalds to have
- 15 lunch. And I go inside sometimes, only for the reason that
- 16 the tables are bolted to the ground and the seats are bolted
- 17 to the ground. I can pull myself up. I can't go to
- 18 Starbucks or to Panera because their seats move.
- 19 And I was in there one day studying all these
- 20 papers trying to make sense of everything, trying to think
- 21 of something clever to say, and I couldn't. And then some
- 22 guy next to me said, what are you doing? I see you have all
- 23 these papers. He said -- I said to him, I'm opposing the
- 24 cell phone tower in Dickerson. He says --
- MR. GROSSMAN: No.

1 MR. BARGE: I know, but I was told that you don't

- 2 stand a chance because of Jack Johnson techniques. T-Mobile
- 3 has deep pockets. They get what they want, like the
- 4 developers. You give enough money to things -- and I said,
- 5 not Montgomery County. We don't operate like P.G. County,
- 6 Jack Johnson. You don't pull that stuff in Montgomery
- 7 County.
- I got up and walked out in disgust, because I
- 9 didn't believe what he said. He said, you'll see what I'm
- 10 talking about. That tower is coming, you can believe it.
- 11 Deep pockets.
- 12 And I read in the paper where this federal judge,
- 13 now I remember back in 1982 when Judge Greene, 1982, ruled
- 14 against AT&T as being a monopoly. And sure enough AT&T is a
- 15 monopoly, and they defeated AT&T. Then AT&T had to break up
- 16 all their holdings. I know. They broke up all their
- 17 holdings and sent to the stockholders, send back your AT&T
- 18 stock.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Barge, you're getting way off
- 20 the point. First of all, it has nothing to do with T-Mobile
- 21 deep pockets. It has nothing to do with this proceeding.
- 22 This is a proceeding in which we have to determine whether
- 23 or not T-Mobile has satisfied its statutory criteria. It
- 24 has nothing to do with whether anybody has deep pockets.
- 25 MR. BARGE: Well, I thought \$39 billion was a lot

- 1 of money for T-Mobile.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: It doesn't matter if they have 20
- 3 cents or not, the point is that we have to look at the
- 4 statutory criteria, and nobody in this process, nobody in
- 5 the special exception process has any connection whatever
- 6 with T-Mobile, nor will they benefit in any way from T-
- 7 Mobile.
- 8 MR. BARGE: Well, he did say in his opening
- 9 statement just a minute ago, we have established there's a
- 10 need in the area for this cellular phone tower.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- MR. BARGE: And I would like to know, number one,
- 13 who said there was a need? Because I went down there with
- 14 friends of mine with our cell phones, and we got clear
- 15 reception all the way to Alaska.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Were they T-Mobile cell phones?
- 17 Were they T-Mobile carrier cell phones?
- 18 MR. BARGE: I don't know. I know mine is Verizon.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 20 MR. BARGE: And so who said there was a need. I
- 21 mean --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you have to listen to the
- 23 evidence. That's why I asked you if you had an opening
- 24 statement, not your testimony.
- MR. BARGE: Yeah.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: You have to listen to the evidence

- 2 here, and then you'll hear how they establish whether or not
- 3 there is a need, because they're going to present some
- 4 evidence here.
- 5 MR. BARGE: Judge, you know, do the towers
- 6 increase the value of the property and surrounding
- 7 properties? Do they increase the value or decrease it?
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you're going to hear some
- 9 evidence regarding that, too, I presume, as well, if
- 10 Mr. Hughes chooses to put it on. Let me, you have to stick
- 11 to what it is, what -- this procedure right now is supposed
- 12 to be your opening statement, not your testimony. But, of
- 13 course, part of it was your testimony.
- Would you have your friend, Jon, Jon, what is your
- 15 last name, sir?
- MR. ANDERSON: Anderson.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Anderson, would you mind
- 18 handing me that exhibit back so I have it, since it's now in
- 19 the record here. Exhibit 35.
- MR. BARGE: You can erase that pencil. I wrote
- 21 that down.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: No, I don't have to erase anything.
- MR. BARGE: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I just want to make sure --
- 25 MR. BARGE: That's the 650 acres that adjoins the

- 1 Ammerman property
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. This is a map of site
- 3 Mr. Barge --
- 4 MR. BARGE: And you see all the site adjoining it.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: -- indicates has been condemned by
- 6 the County as future landfill. All right. Let's turn now
- 7 and let Mr. Hughes put on his case, and then if you have
- 8 anything to say about the evidence that he has put on, then
- 9 you will be allowed to testify as to it.
- MR. BARGE: Well, I have something else to say.
- 11 I'm just a citizen just trying to speak.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I know, and I'm going to let you
- 13 speak, but the usual procedure is that we hear from the
- 14 applicant first, because they're the ones that have the
- 15 burden of going forward with the evidence. But I'll let you
- 16 say it. You have something else you want to say now?
- MR. BARGE: Well, he can manufacture all the
- 18 evidence in the world. I can't.
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: It's a question of giving, of being
- 20 fair to both sides. He has a right to put on his evidence,
- 21 and you have a right to put on your evidence.
- MR. BARGE: All right.
- MR. GROSSMAN: The procedure usually is that the
- 24 evidence from the applicant, the person who has the burden
- 25 of going forward with the evidence is the applicant.

- 1 Usually the procedure is, the applicant goes first. That's
- 2 why I said, an opening statement. I was offering to let you
- 3 make an opening statement.
- 4 MR. BARGE: Well, I already had made it when he
- 5 said that --
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: No, that was only his opening.
- 7 That's telling you what he intends to proof.
- 8 MR. BARGE: Well, there's a need for it.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: That he will put on witnesses about
- 10 that. I know this is not a procedure you're familiar with.
- 11 Let's go on and let him put on his evidence and then you
- 12 will have another opportunity, okay, to put on whatever
- 13 evidence you want. All right, Mr. Barge. I'm not going to
- 14 cut you off. I'm going to give you the opportunity, but
- 15 first --
- 16 MR. BARGE: To say a few things, even though out
- 17 of scope they don't mean a thing.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I'm not going to -- I can't
- 19 say I'm going to let you say anything that has nothing to do
- 20 with the case. We're limited here to relevant evidence.
- 21 Okay. Everything that is relevant.
- 22 And I've given you very broad latitude here. And
- 23 you've talked about a lot of things that are not relevant.
- 24 But I've given you that opportunity, because I want you to
- 25 know that you are being heard. But we do, we're required to

1 stick to the relevant evidence. And that's the only

- 2 evidence that I can consider.
- I can't consider other things, such as your
- 4 impression at McDonalds from someone you spoke to. Those
- 5 are not before me.
- 6 MR. BARGE: Sir, what makes it relevant evidence,
- 7 if you can ask a question?
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: If you have relevant -- you're
- 9 going to be given the opportunity to ask questions of his
- 10 witnesses as they testify.
- MR. BARGE: Is Ammerman here?
- MR. GROSSMAN: I don't know.
- 13 MS. MORRISON: He'll be back in a few minutes.
- MR. BARGE: Ammerman is not here.
- 15 MR. HUGHES: No. Well, he is here. He had to put
- 16 more money in the meter.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And he doesn't, he does not
- 18 necessarily have to be present, but in any event --
- MR. BARGE: I just want to point out at the last
- 20 hearing years ago, I defeated a cell phone tower.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: I know, but that's a different
- 22 case. It has nothing to do with this one.
- MR. BARGE: Okay. And I said then, and it
- 24 applies now, the owner of the property is not here. The
- 25 owner of the property that they're going to pay the \$29,000

1 a month for to put the cell phone tower up, that owner is

- 2 not here. He's the only one that's benefitting. He gets
- 3 some money for the tower.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. But in any event, they
- 5 have evidence in the case. He's the co-applicant, and so he
- 6 is before me in terms of his application. Let's give the
- 7 applicant an opportunity to put on his evidence, okay, or
- 8 their evidence. Mr. Hughes, who is your first witness?
- 9 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Grossman. I'd like to
- 10 call Mr. Michael McGarity.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. HUGHES: Take a seat there, Mike.
- MR. BARGE: Who is he, Your Honor?
- MR. GROSSMAN: We're going to find out right now.
- MR. BARGE: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Mr. McGarity, would you
- 17 raise your right hand, please?
- 18 (Witness sworn.)
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right, Mr. Hughes.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you. I'm going to give a copy
- 21 to Mr. Barge of the documents.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 23 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 25 Q Mr. McGarity -- I'm sorry, Mr. Barge, can I switch

1 with you? I apologize. This one is the colored one I meant

- 2 to give to the hearing examiner. Mr. McGarity, do you
- 3 recognize this document, sir?
- 4 A Yes, this is my resume.
- 5 (Discussion off the record.)
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. This is Exhibit 36. It
- 7 is resume of Michael McGarity.
- 8 (Exhibit No. 36 was
- 9 marked for identification.)
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 11 Q Mr. McGarity, can you tell us a little bit about
- 12 your professional, educational background?
- 13 A Yes. I have a bachelor's in civil engineering
- 14 from the University of Maryland. I work for Daft, McCune
- 15 and Walker in Towson. We're an engineering consulting firm
- 16 employed by T-Mobile to prepare, do surveying and site
- 17 planning services for their installations.
- 18 Q Thank you. How long have you been working in this
- 19 line of work?
- 20 A A little over 13 years.
- 21 Q Okay. And during those 13 years, if this is one
- 22 site that you've helped design and draw -- is it fair to say
- 23 you've helped design this drawing?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q If this is one site you've worked on, how many

- 1 sites have you worked on in your career?
- 2 A Probably over 1,000.
- 3 Q Okay. And you're familiar with this site, is that
- 4 correct?
- 5 A I am, yes.
- 6 Q You've worked on this site?
- 7 A I have.
- 8 Q Have you ever testified before at a hearing like
- 9 this?
- 10 A Yes, I have.
- 11 Q Have you ever been recognized as an expert in this
- 12 jurisdiction or any other jurisdictions?
- 13 A Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: What capacity?
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 16 Q Have you been recognized as an expert in the civil
- 17 side of designing a cell site, is that correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: You mean civil engineering?
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 23 Q And which, if you can recall, which jurisdictions
- 24 have you been recognized as that type of expert?
- 25 A In addition to Montgomery County, Carroll, Howard,

1 Harford, Anne Arundel, Frederick. I can't think of anymore

- 2 off the top of my head.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: You've testified before the hearing
- 4 examiner here?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: In what cases?
- 7 THE WITNESS: For T-Mobile, the name of the site?
- 8 MR. HUGHES: He won't know your case number.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 10 MR. HUGHES: Maybe the road he might know. I
- 11 don't know if that helps us or not. Or he can tell roughly
- 12 what month or what year.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Or the owner of the property?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Wildlife Achievement.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Northlake Apartments.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: There's several others.
- MR. GROSSMAN: The Isaak one, you said that was a
- 20 case before me?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have testified before you.
- 22 Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 24 MR. HUGHES: I'd like to offer him as an expert in
- 25 the civil engineering side of the cell site design.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. All right. By the way,

- 2 are you licensed in Maryland as a civil engineer?
- THE WITNESS: I am not a licensed engineer, but my
- 4 company is a licensed engineer.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 6 THE WITNESS: The plan was signed by a licensed
- 7 engineer that works for my company.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Barge, any
- 9 questions of this witness as to his expertise? This is the
- 10 portion where we question the witness as to their expertise,
- 11 if you have a question about his expertise in civil
- 12 engineering?
- 13 MR. BARGE: I don't know of any questions that I
- 14 would ask him.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. That's fine. Let me explain
- 16 a little bit about what an expert witness is. An expert
- 17 witness doesn't necessarily have to be licensed by the
- 18 State. An expert witness in any court proceeding or a
- 19 hearing, administrative proceeding, is somebody who has a
- 20 knowledge beyond the ken of laymen in a particular area, and
- 21 can offer evidence that will be of assistance to the fact
- 22 finder.
- 23 And in view of that standard, I do accept
- 24 Mr. McGarity as an expert in civil engineering citing of
- 25 cell tower sites. All right.

- 1 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Hughes.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Mr. McGarity, can you explain to us, paint a
- 5 picture for us of what's being proposed here, and perhaps
- 6 utilize your drawing, which I believe is Exhibit --
- 7 A May I stand up here?
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 9 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 10 Q Exhibit -- we updated it, sorry. Exhibit 20 or
- 11 21. 20 is the large plan, I believe, Mr. Grossman. I
- 12 believe 21 is the reduced size.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Let me --
- MR. HUGHES: And I'll give, I think Mr. Barge has
- 15 a copy, or had, but let me make sure he has one. Would you
- 16 like a copy of the drawing, Mr. Barge?
- MR. BARGE: More stuff.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: I know. Mr. Grossman, would you like
- 19 the small version, or do you have one there, sir?
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: Let's see if we do have one.
- 21 MR. HUGHES: I'll make it handy for you. I can
- 22 pull it out.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you.
- MR. BARGE: It's a done deal. It's a done deal,
- 25 Jon. He works for T-Mobile.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Barge, please don't speak out

- 2 in the middle of somebody else's case. Okay. We've given
- 3 you ample opportunity, and you've had ample opportunity to
- 4 testify on both occasions. Now show the other people some
- 5 respect, also.
- 6 MR. BARGE: I forgot what I said in the first,
- 7 June 24th, I think it was.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Right, it was June 24th. But you
- 9 have to --
- 10 MR. BARGE: It's been a long time.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: You have to not interrupt them.
- MR. BARGE: Okay.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: We'll give you the opportunity to
- 14 cross-examine their witnesses when the appropriate time
- 15 comes. But you can't be speaking back to people in the
- 16 audience in the middle.
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q Go ahead, Mr. McGarity, please?
- 19 A Okay. T-Mobile is proposing to install a
- 20 telecommunications installation at Mr. Ammerman's property
- 21 located at 19100 Wasche Road in Dickerson, Maryland. They
- 22 are proposing at 155-foot high concealment type monopole.
- 23 Q I'm going to stop you just for a second. Would
- 24 you explain what a concealment monopole is for everyone?
- 25 A Sure. That's just one term that it's given. They

1 are sometimes also called slick sticks or flagless flag

- 2 poles. And what it basically means is that it's a pole
- 3 where the antennas are located on the inside of the
- 4 structure and are not visible.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 6 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q And what type of equipment, thus, will be inside
- 8 instead of perhaps outside on a non-concealment pole?
- 9 A On a traditional monopole there is generally a
- 10 triangular type platform mounted to the pole on the exterior
- 11 of the pole, with the antennas also being mounted on the
- 12 platform on the exterior. And they are visible.
- 13 O There are also potentially cables that run to the
- 14 antennas that are etched outside?
- 15 A Yes, potentially.
- 16 O Okay.
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Okay. And so you said flagless flag pole. So
- 19 essentially it's like a flag pole without the flag and
- 20 perhaps wider than a traditional flag pole, is that correct?
- 21 A That's correct.
- Q Okay. Go ahead. I'm sorry.
- 23 A The property is located in the RDT zoning
- 24 district. It is 10 acres in size, located off of Wasche
- 25 Road. The site plan here, you can see, this is the entrance

- 1 onto Wasche Road.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So, just for the
- 3 record, you're looking at a copy of Exhibit 20(a).
- 4 THE WITNESS: Should I write that on here?
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: You can. Sure. But it's already
- 6 in the record.
- 7 THE WITNESS: To help you, though.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 9 THE WITNESS: And there are two sheets to it.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes, there's 20(a) and 20(b), what
- 11 was introduced the last time. The one you're looking at now
- 12 is marked 20(a).
- 13 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And what was the
- 15 location you were just pointing to on there?
- 16 THE WITNESS: The entrance to the property is in
- 17 the northeast corner --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 19 THE WITNESS: -- of the property by Wasche Road,
- 20 that I'm pointing to right now. And accessed by a gravel
- 21 driveway back to an existing, an existing building used as
- 22 a, I believe, as a repair/garage type shop. And along, the
- 23 site is also heavily wooded to the north and to the
- 24 southeast and west.
- 25 T-Mobile's proposed location is centered in the

- 1 property more towards the rear, where the 50 by 50-foot
- 2 compound is proposed to be installed. Access to the site
- 3 would be through the existing gravel drive that is currently
- 4 there.
- 5 The monopole has been recently relocated per this
- 6 plan to, so that it would meet all the necessary setback
- 7 requirement for the zone, and that being a one-to-one
- 8 setback from any property line to the pole, to the tower
- 9 itself.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: And just so Mr. Barge
- 11 understands --
- MR. BARGE: I can't understand him at all. I
- 13 mean, I can't hear him.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Try to speak up a little bit
- 15 so he can hear.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Sure.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: He indicated that there are
- 18 statutory setbacks requires, in other words, the Zoning
- 19 Ordinance requires that any cell tower be setback a certain
- 20 distance from the property lines. It also requires that it
- 21 be setback a certain distance from any residence. And what
- 22 he has said is that it meets these setback requirements
- 23 which in this zone, in the agricultural zone, is one foot
- 24 for every one foot of pipe. Is that correct?
- THE WITNESS: That's correct.

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1 MR. GROSSMAN: Of the cell tower. It has to be at
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- 2 least -- so in this case, since the cell tower is 155 --
- THE WITNESS: 155 --
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: -- feet tall, proposed, it must be
- 5 set back from the property lines 155 feet in order to meet
- 6 the setback requirements.
- 7 MR. BARGE: So the first one they had 46 feet
- 8 setback, and that's why you had the second meeting?
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. The first one, I don't
- 10 remember exactly what the first one was, but it was not, did
- 11 not meet the setback requirements. And that's why, then
- 12 that's why they modified their plans to meet the setback
- 13 requirements.
- MR. BARGE: They modified the plan.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. All right. Go ahead,
- 16 Mr. McGarity.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I was going to go through the
- 18 setback --
- 19 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 20 O Yes.
- 21 A -- the setbacks.
- 22 Q Okay. So in this case, we've relocated the tower
- 23 to meet all the applicable setbacks. From the front
- 24 property line along Wasche Road we now have a setback of 847
- 25 feet. From the north side property line we have a setback

1 of 198 feet. From the south side property line we have a

- 2 setback of 195 feet. And from the rear property line we
- 3 have a setback of 249 feet.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 5 THE WITNESS: The zoning code also stipulates that
- 6 the tower must be set back at least 300 feet from any off
- 7 site dwellings. In this case, the closest off site dwelling
- 8 is 678 feet, as indicated hear on this dimensionless plan.
- 9 And let me mention that it is also, Mr. Ammerman owns that
- 10 property as well.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So that offsite dwelling is
- 12 to the --
- 13 THE WITNESS: Southeast.
- MR. GROSSMAN: -- southeast of the proposed tower
- 15 location, and 678 feet away?
- 16 THE WITNESS: That's correct.
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q And I'm sorry, you said that's Mr. Ammerman's?
- 19 A Mr. Ammerman owns that property. Yes.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: And that, the statutory requirement
- 21 is what distance?
- THE WITNESS: 300.
- MR. GROSSMAN: 300 feet. Okay.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Which is also indicated by the 300-
- 25 foot radius circle around the tower on the plan.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 2 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 3 Q Thank you. You've been out and visited the site,
- 4 or have you been out to visit the site?
- 5 A I have.
- 6 Q And I'm going to ask you if you can identify a
- 7 photograph. Let me give Mr. Barge one first.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Thank you.
- 9 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 10 Q Are you able to identify this photograph,
- 11 Mr. McGarity?
- 12 A Yes. This is a Google aerial photo of
- 13 Mr. Ammerman's property and some of the surrounding area.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Is this in the record already?
- MR. HUGHES: I do not believe so. No, sir.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: So let's mark it as an exhibit.
- 17 And it will be Exhibit 37. Google aerial photo of site and
- 18 surrounding area.
- 19 (Exhibit No. 37 was
- 20 marked for identification.)
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 22 Q Is there a date on this, Mr. McGarity?
- 23 A Yes, in the lower left hand corner, August 28th,
- 24 2010.
- 25 Q Okay. And is it your understanding that that's,

1 this is roughly how the property still looks now, a pretty

- 2 fair depiction?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Now, can you just orient us a little bit on what
- 5 this shows in this photo?
- 6 A Sure. Just to the right of where the little pink
- 7 balloon is there is Wasche Road, and the entrance to
- 8 Mr. Ammerman's property. You can kind of see through the
- 9 tree line how the road goes back to the existing building
- 10 and kind of moves around.
- 11 There is another small shed in the center of the
- 12 property that I'm pointing to. It's kind of --
- 13 0 What color is that?
- 14 A It has a brown roof to it.
- 15 O Okay.
- 16 A And if you're at that shed and you head in a
- 17 northwesterly direction, you'll see -- it's hard to tell
- 18 from the photo, but it looks like it may be a trailer or
- 19 some equipment along a fence line that runs, that runs north
- 20 to south. The tower location would approximately be where
- 21 that equipment is on this aerial photograph.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: Why don't you mark it, mark with an
- 23 X the location of the proposed tower on this photograph.
- MR. BARGE: Can you put it on my copy, too?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.

- 1 MR. BARGE: Thank you. Where the tower is.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: And I'm going to write on here,
- 3 tower site.
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q Mr. McGarity, can you also put it on your copy,
- 6 too, please?
- 7 MR. BARGE: Sorry, I don't see where it is. Can
- 8 you circle it?
- 9 MR. HUGHES: It's right here, Mr. Barge. See that
- 10 red X.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: It's pretty dark on the photo.
- MR. HUGHES: It's kind of hard to see. It's right
- 13 there.
- MR. BARGE: I want you to highlight it in yellow.
- THE WITNESS: Here, I've got a yellow highlighter,
- 16 Mr. Barge.
- 17 MR. BARGE: Right here.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Do you want me to do it?
- MR. BARGE: Yes. Right here.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- 21 MR. BARGE: That's where the cell phone tower is
- 22 going.
- MR. HUGHES:
- 24 Q Yes, sir. I apologize. I lost my train of
- 25 thought here. Okay. Mr. McGarity, do you know what the --

1 I think you described the property as being 10 acres. Do

- 2 you know roughly how many square feet that is?
- 3 A 435,600 square feet.
- 4 Q Okay. And how many square feet is the compound?
- 5 A 2,500, 50 by 50, 2,500 square feet.
- 6 Q Do you know, if you do, roughly what percentage of
- 7 the property is proposed? If you know, I know that's a lot
- 8 of math.
- 9 A Not off the top of my head.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 A It's, I would imagine, very, very little
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A Probably 1 percent.
- 14 Q Okay. Thank you. And so you have, you've
- 15 reviewed and helped draw these plans, is that correct?
- 16 A That's correct.
- One of your colleagues, a manager, is the one who
- 18 is actually licensed and stamped this, is that correct?
- 19 A That's correct.
- 20 Q Okay. And again, what's the date of this plan,
- 21 and where is that on the plan?
- 22 A It's in the lower right hand portion of the plan
- 23 under the scheduled revisions. It's dated June 22nd, 2011.
- 24 And it's also written where our engineer signed and sealed
- 25 the plan and dated it as well, 6/22/11.

- 1 Q Thank you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Actually, I don't see the -- I see.
- 3 Wait a second. I see the typed certification on here. I
- 4 don't see the seal on the record copy.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: I'm not sure what happened there.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Am I correct?
- 7 MR. HUGHES: You're right. I don't see it on
- 8 this.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I believe that was submitted at the
- 10 previous hearing --
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: It was.
- 12 THE WITNESS: -- as a preliminary exhibit without
- 13 being finalized yet.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So --
- 15 THE WITNESS: I can assure you that nothing has
- 16 changed.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Why don't we do this. Why don't we
- 18 mark that copy that you have on the board as Exhibit 38(a)
- 19 will be the --
- 20 (Exhibit No. 38 was
- 21 marked for identification.)
- 22 THE WITNESS: Change this from 28 to 38(a)?
- MR. GROSSMAN: It was 28. It will be 38.
- MR. HUGHES: We also have extra copies here.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So mark that.

1 Whichever. I just want to make sure that the record has a

- 2 copy --
- 3 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: -- where you've got the engineer's
- 5 seal on it.
- 6 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. 38(a).
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: So 38(a) is the first page. And
- 8 that's, so it's site plan page one. And 38(b) will be site
- 9 plan page two.
- 10 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Grossman. Those would
- 11 be my questions for Mr. McGarity.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And also since you've given me a
- 13 copy, actually you've given me a number of copies, I think,
- 14 of the reduced size copy with a seal on it, I'm going to
- make that 39(a) and 39(b). And that will be the 11 by 17
- 16 copy of -- 39(a) is the 11 by 17 copy of site plan page one.
- 17 And 39(b) is 11 by 17 copy of site plan page two. Okay.
- 18 You said those are all your questions of Mr. McGarity?
- 19 (Exhibit No. 39 was
- 20 marked for identification.)
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Barge, do you have
- 23 any questions you want to ask Mr. McGarity in relation to
- 24 what he's testified? Okay, cross, they call it cross-
- 25 examination. I'm sure if you watched Perry Mason, you've

- 1 seen that. Just you ask questions if you have any of
- 2 Mr. McGarity, based on what he's testified to. This is your
- 3 opportunity to ask him questions.
- 4 MR. BARGE: If I ask him the question, do you live
- 5 in the area, is that proper?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: You can ask him that, sure. You
- 7 can have a seat.
- 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. BARGE:
- 10 Q Do you live in Dickerson?
- 11 A I do not. No, sir.
- 12 Q What County do you live in?
- 13 A I live in Carroll County.
- 14 Q Carroll County. And you work for T-Mobile. Do
- 15 you get paid by them?
- 16 A I work for a company called Daft, McCune, Walker,
- 17 who is employed by T-Mobile to provide --
- 18 Q So your employer works for T-Mobile?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q How many cell phone towers are in Montgomery
- 21 County?
- 22 A I don't know.
- 23 Q You've done a lot of work for them, haven't you,
- 24 on the towers?
- 25 A I have.

1 Q Do you know how many? Is it over five, over 10,

- 2 over 100?
- 3 A I'm sure that it would be.
- 4 O Over 100?
- 5 A I don't know but I would guess yes.
- 6 Q Is there one on your property?
- 7 A Which property?
- 8 Q Where you live. Is there a flag pole on your
- 9 property?
- 10 A No, sir.
- 11 Q And this is like a flag pole, is that right?
- 12 A Similar, yes.
- 13 Q So if I want to put a flag pole on my property, it
- 14 would be like a cellular phone tower? It wouldn't be just a
- 15 straight pole where you run a flag up? It would be built
- 16 like a cellular tower?
- 17 A I'm not sure I follow the question.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I think his testimony was
- 19 that this is more like a flag pole in that the antennas are
- 20 not on the outside of this pole. The antennas are inside
- 21 the pole.
- BY MR. BARGE:
- 23 Q But it's a three-legged structure?
- A No, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: No. No.

- 1 BY MR. BARGE:
- 2 Q It's a one-legged?
- 3 A It's just a pole.
- 4 Q A pole?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q 155-foot pole.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: There's a picture. Look on page
- 8 two. Do you have a copy of the -- did you give him a copy
- 9 of it?
- 10 MR. HUGHES: I did.
- 11 MR. BARGE: I've got so much junk here.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Page two of the site plan.
- MR. BARGE: I think Jon has it.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Here's another copy.
- MR. HUGHES: He has it. It's on page two,
- 16 Mr. Barge.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Look on the second page.
- 18 BY MR. BARGE:
- 19 Q It's on a concrete pad?
- 20 A It would be on a concrete foundation, yes.
- 21 Q And how, how big is the foundation, concrete
- 22 foundation?
- 23 A I don't believe the design has been done yet, but
- 24 typically it's a six to eight-foot diameter.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Anderson, would you help

1 Mr. Barge. There, you've got it. Okay. Do you see the

- 2 picture of it? That's what it's going to look like.
- 3 BY MR. BARGE:
- 4 Q That's pretty big. It's how far across this way?
- 5 MR. HUGHES: Mr. McGarity, again, I have to --
- 6 BY MR. BARGE:
- 8 A It's approximately six to eight feet.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: No, no, he's talking about the pole
- 10 now.
- 11 THE WITNESS: The pole?
- MR. HUGHES: Yes.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Approximately four feet.
- 14 BY MR. BARGE:
- 15 Q Have you talked with any of the other owners?
- 16 A I have not.
- 17 Q Adjoining owners? That would be a question for
- 18 Mr. Hughes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Well --
- MR. BARGE: No, we're finished with him.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Any redirect?
- MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you,
- 24 Mr. McGarity. All right. Your next witness.
- 25 MR. HUGHES: I call Ms. Hillorie Morrison, please.

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              (Discussion off the record.)
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              MR. GROSSMAN: Ms. Morrison, would you raise your
 3
    right hand, please?
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              (Witness sworn.)
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              MR. GROSSMAN: All right. You may proceed.
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              MR. HUGHES: Thank you. I'm going to give
 7
    Mr. Barge a copy of a document.
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              MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
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              MR. BARGE: For what?
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              MR. GROSSMAN: He's required to share with you,
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    whenever he has an exhibit marked, he's got to give you a
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    copy, in fairness, so you know what's going on.
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              MR. BARGE: I could sell this by the pound.
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              (Discussion off the record.)
              MR. GROSSMAN: This will be Exhibit 40.
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                              (Exhibit No. 40 was
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                             marked for identification.)
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                         DIRECT EXAMINATION
              BY MR. HUGHES:
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              Ms. Morrison, are you able to identify this
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    document?
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              Yes. It's my life. It's my resume.
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              Okay. And have you -- can you tell us a little
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bit about your professional and educational background,

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please?

- 1 A Yes. I have a master's degree in urban and
- 2 regional planning from University of Wisconsin, also a
- 3 master's degree in public administration from University of
- 4 Wisconsin. And I have a J.D. from University of Maryland.
- 5 I am a member of the bar.
- 6 I practiced planning for approximately 15 years in
- 7 Baltimore County, Maryland, doing zoning legislation. And
- 8 I've been in the telecommunications industry for going on 11
- 9 years.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, I think you're aware,
- 12 but Mr. Barge, Ms. Morrison does have a voice condition, and
- 13 I know it's hard for you to hear her. Do you want to move
- 14 closer, sir?
- MR. BARGE: No. I thought you were pointing to my
- 16 cane that I had a hearing device in it.
- MR. HUGHES: Oh no.
- 18 THE WITNESS: You have a hearing device?
- 19 MR. BARGE: I have a hearing device in the base of
- 20 this.
- 21 MR. HUGHES: If you want to sit here and we can
- 22 hear her --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Why don't we have, why don't we
- 24 have Ms. Morrison pop over one seat closer, and then
- 25 Mr. Hughes, you can have the seat there next to her.

- 1 (Discussion off the record.)
- 2 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 3 Q Ms. Morrison, if this is a particular site, how
- 4 many sites like this have you worked on during your career
- 5 in this industry?
- 6 A I've worked on at least a couple hundred what we
- 7 call raw land sites, which is a new pole. And I've worked
- 8 on easily 1,000 co-locations.
- 9 Q Okay. Have you ever testified before a zoning
- 10 hearing like this one today?
- 11 A Yes, I have.
- 12 Q Have you ever been recognized as an expert in
- 13 planning and/or zoning?
- 14 A Yes, in Montgomery County for several cases,
- 15 Baltimore County, Carroll County, Frederick County,
- 16 Maryland, and Howard County, I've testified there. They
- 17 don't have an expert witness recognition there.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. And when you testified here
- 19 you were certified as an expert in?
- 20 THE WITNESS: Planning and in telecommunications
- 21 siting.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Land use planning and
- 23 telecommunications siting?
- THE WITNESS: Right.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.

1 MR. HUGHES: And that's what I'd like to offer her

- 2 as an expert today in.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Do you have any
- 4 questions of Ms. Morrison regarding her expertise?
- 5 BY MR. BARGE:
- 6 Q Who do you, or do you work for T-Mobile?
- 7 A No. I work for a company called Network Building
- 8 and Consulting.
- 9 Q Do they work for T-Mobile?
- 10 A T-Mobile contracts with Network Building and
- 11 Consulting.
- 12 Q Contracts with your boss.
- 13 A For my services. That is correct.
- 14 Q So you are, in fact, speaking for
- 15 T-Mobile?
- 16 A I am speaking for T-Mobile. I am authorized to
- 17 speak for T-Mobile.
- 18 Q Do you live in Montgomery County?
- 19 A I do not.
- 20 MR. BARGE: Okay. That's all the questions I
- 21 have.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Ms. Morrison,
- 23 having testified as an expert before the hearing examiner
- 24 before and having considerable experience and qualifications
- 25 in land use planning and in telecommunications siting, I

- 1 accept her as an expert in such.
- 2 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Grossman.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Ms. Morrison, I'm going to give Mr. Barge a copy,
- 5 I'm going to ask you if you're able to identify this
- 6 document, please?
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Is this in the record
- 8 already?
- 9 MR. HUGHES: I don't believe this is in the
- 10 record.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So this will be Exhibit 41.
- 12 (Exhibit No. 41 was
- marked for identification.)
- 14 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 15 O Do you recognize this document?
- 16 A Yes. This is map of a street face that shows the
- 17 site that's under consideration today. And the center has
- 18 a red flag and it's called WAN-251 Ammerman, Dickerson
- 19 property. And there's red arrows pointing to T-Mobile's
- 20 surrounding closest sites.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So it's a map showing
- 22 T-Mobile sites in the area, and the surrounding area.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Right. The closest sites and the
- 24 distance from the site under consideration today is
- 25 identified next to each arrow.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- THE WITNESS: You'll see a green flag, and those
- 3 are the existing sites.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. And the red flag represents
- 5 the proposed site?
- 6 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 8 THE WITNESS: All the green flags are on air
- 9 sites. They are functioning.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- MR. BARGE: Can I raise another question?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Let her testify and then when
- 14 she's finished testifying --
- MR. BARGE: I thought she was finished.
- THE WITNESS: Can you hear me?
- 17 MR. BARGE: Yes, I can hear you.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Good.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 20 Q Okay. Ms. Morrison, are you familiar with the
- 21 Montgomery County Tower Committee?
- 22 A Yes, I am.
- 23 Q Does it review -- what type of telecom
- 24 applications does it review?
- 25 A It reviews every telecom application, whether

- 1 it's for a co-location or a raw land site.
- 2 Q And did they, in fact, review this application?
- 3 A They did. They review each application to
- 4 determine whether there is a need for a new antenna
- 5 location, and in the case of a raw land site, they consider
- 6 whether there is any potential tall structures on which the
- 7 antennas can be mounted instead of building a new
- 8 structure.
- 9 Q Okay. And what did they recommend in this
- 10 application review?
- 11 A In this review they recommended that yes, there
- 12 is a need for new antennas for T-Mobile, and also that
- 13 there is no existing structure on which to mount the
- 14 antennas.
- 15 Q Ms. Morrison, you have previously signed an
- 16 affidavit regarding the sign posting for this property, is
- 17 that correct?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 Q Okay. And is it your knowledge that the sign
- 20 continues and has remained in place since we were here a
- 21 few months ago?
- 22 A Yes, it's remained in place, and we intend to
- 23 keep it in place per the County regulations.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: And the affidavit you're referring
- 25 to is Exhibit 19 in the record.

- 1 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 2 Q Yes. Ms. Morrison, are you familiar with the
- 3 staff report from Park and Planning?
- 4 A Yes, I am.
- 5 Q And are you familiar also -- so you're familiar
- 6 with their --
- 7 A Well, there are two staff reports.
- 8 Q The most recent staff report?
- 9 A Right. I'm familiar with both.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 12 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 13 Q Regarding the most recent staff report --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Let's just identify it by record
- 15 since we've got -- by exhibit number, since we've got this.
- 16 Exhibit 33 received September 14, 2011.
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 Q You're familiar with that staff report,
- 19 Ms. Morrison?
- 20 A Yes, I am.
- 21 Q Okay. And regarding the recommended condition
- 22 regarding landscaping, do you have any views regarding
- 23 that? Does T-Mobile?
- 24 A Yes. We were surprised by the recommendation,
- 25 because they hadn't brought up, it hadn't been brought up

1 in any of our three previous meetings with staff. And we

- 2 don't really see the need, given the existing vegetation
- 3 and the fact that the parcel is buffered by the Ammerman
- 4 property, and also by existing vegetation. But we do not
- 5 object to putting six to eight Leyland cypress trees next
- 6 to the property line abutting the area where the tower will
- 7 be built. And they could be --
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Just so Mr. Barge
- 9 understands what you're referring to, on the first page of
- 10 this technical staff report that you have a copy of, the
- 11 one that was received on September 14 in our office, the
- 12 fourth recommendation of the technical staff is that the
- 13 applicant shall plant additional trees between the Ammerman
- 14 residential property and the Yates property to provide
- 15 screening from Wasche Road and the neighboring residences.
- 16 So that's what you're referring to.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I'm referring to that. It is
- 18 Mr. Ammerman's property. I believe it's a different
- 19 parcel.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Well, it also says, it
- 21 also says between that and Mr. Yates' property. Where is
- 22 Mr. Yate's property on this map, Mr. Hughes?
- MR. HUGHES: Here is the subject property.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 25 MR. HUGHES: And then this is also Ammerman's

- 1 separate property, just to the south.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- MR. HUGHES: And so then the Yates' property
- 4 would be just south of this. So they're talking about, and
- 5 they show it, I think, in the staff report, putting it down
- 6 around here.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 8 MR. HUGHES: Which is what we will do.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Right.
- MR. GROSSMAN: By down here, you're referring to
- 11 southeast of the tower location, and southeast of
- 12 Mr. Ammerman's property, which is south of the subject
- 13 site.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Do you want me to say the parcel
- 15 number?
- 16 MR. HUGHES: Yes. Can I have your indulgence to
- 17 show her the staff report --
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.
- 19 MR. HUGHES: -- and also perhaps this aerial to
- 20 help with some more clarity here.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 22 (Discussion off the record.)
- MR. GROSSMAN: I see it on page 18 of the
- 24 technical staff report.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: It's the photograph you're

- 2 referring to?
- 3 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q Do you see that, Ms. Morrison, on the staff
- 7 report, page 18?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q So is it true that's the area you're talking
- 10 about?
- 11 A That's the area, and T-Mobile conferred with
- 12 Mr. Ammerman who has no objection.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 14 THE WITNESS: And T-Mobile has no objection.
- MR. GROSSMAN: So you would propose to plant some
- 16 Leyland cypress, is it eight of them? Is that what they
- 17 have asked you?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Right. Six foot --
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: In location is marked with the
- 20 yellow X's on the aerial photograph on page 18, entitled
- 21 screening, page 18 of the technical staff report?
- THE WITNESS: Correct.
- MR. GROSSMAN: On Exhibit 33. Okay.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 25 Q And give a proposed approximate starting height,

- 1 please?
- 2 A At least five feet tall.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Do you have a plan that shows that
- 4 planting?
- 5 THE WITNESS: We don't have that plan today.
- 6 MR. HUGHES: Unfortunately, because we just got
- 7 this Wednesday afternoon.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. Right.
- 9 THE WITNESS: And we had to confer with
- 10 Mr. Ammerman.
- 11 MR. HUGHES: As Ms. Morrison testified, too, that
- 12 was kind of new news to us. We hadn't heard that before
- 13 from staff until the writing came out.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Now, this is actually,
- 15 technically off -- it is on property owned by Mr. Ammerman?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- 17 MR. HUGHES: It's off the subject site.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: But it's off the subject site, the
- 19 particular plat that is the subject site here. And is
- 20 Mr. Ammerman in agreement with having these additional
- 21 trees planted on his other property?
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. The Board of Appeals raises
- 24 a legal issue as to whether there can be a condition for
- 25 offsite screening. And there is some question about

1 whether or not it can be required. That will be up to the

- 2 Board of Appeals. If it's a voluntary act, then I suspect
- 3 they wouldn't object. But in any event, that is up to them
- 4 to decide whether or not they will include that as a
- 5 condition.
- 6 But I would ask to keep the record open and you
- 7 can tell me at the end of the hearing how much time you
- 8 want to submit a plan which shows the location of the
- 9 additional plantings.
- 10 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 12 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 13 Q Ms. Morrison, I'm going to ask you if you can
- 14 identify another document. Actually, can you stand up
- 15 there?
- 16 A Sure.
- 17 Q Because I'm going to give a copy to Mr. Barge.
- 18 It had been offered to him before. He looked at it and
- 19 passed it back.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 21 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Barge, here is the one you saw
- 22 before, the photos. We're going to talk about these. So
- 23 you can look at this copy, if you'd like. You can keep it
- 24 if you'd like, or give it back to me.
- 25 MR. BARGE: We will keep it if we like.

1 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, these are, and you do

- 2 have a copy of this. This is the revised photo simulation.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 4 MR. HUGHES: But I certainly want to give you a
- 5 copy of this today.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Thank you.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: So this will be part of Exhibit
- 8 24(a) through (I), new photo simulation for revised
- 9 location on the subject property.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Actually I think it's (a) through
- 11 (1).
- MR. HUGHES: Is that what it is? Okay. L. Yes,
- 13 you're right. My mistake.
- 14 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 15 Q Ms. Morrison, are you able to identify these
- 16 documents?
- 17 A Yes. In the center is a map, an aerial map. And
- 18 there's a black square to the Wasche Road, running
- 19 north/south, and to the west of the black square is the
- 20 site, the Ammerman property. And around it you see blue
- 21 and red dots. The blue dots are places -- or let me go
- 22 back -- at the site, we put them to the height of the
- 23 proposed concealment pole, which is 155 feet. It was a
- 24 three foot wide red balloon.
- We've actually done this test a couple of times.

1 We did it back when there weren't leaves on the trees, and

- 2 since we've moved the site, we did it again in the summer.
- 3 So this is the summer view. This is the site as proposed,
- 4 with the reading on Sunday.
- 5 So we did the balloon test, and we go around the
- 6 area and we took pictures to show the visibility of the
- 7 balloon. Wherever the site was visible, that would be the
- 8 red dots. We did what's called a photo simulation, and
- 9 using the computer and computer software, we simulated what
- 10 the pole would look like at that location.
- 11 So we took the red balloons and we took a picture
- of the concealment pole, so we could do the best that we're
- 13 able to see what the pole might look like. What we found
- 14 in this case was, there was really very minimal visibility.
- 15 As you can see on the location map, there is one, two,
- 16 three, four, five, six, seven, eight blue dots. The site
- 17 was not visible north on Wasche Road, south on Wasche Road,
- 18 mostly south on Wasche Road, west on White's Ferry Road,
- 19 and east on Hunter's Road.
- It was visible to the south of the vicinity of
- 21 the pole. So that would have been from 19100 Wasche Road,
- 22 and 18815 Wasche Road. Is that the correct pronunciation,
- 23 Wasche?
- 24 MR. BARGE: They call it Wasche, Wasche. Either
- 25 one is permissible.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 2 MR. BARGE: They call it both names.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Thanks.
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q Ms. Morrison, is the 19100 Wasche Road, is that
- 6 also from the other Ammerman property, is that correct?
- 7 A That's from the other end of the property. So
- 8 that's closest to the site.
- 9 Q And are there above ground telephone poles in
- 10 this area?
- 11 A Certainly. You can see them in the pictures.
- 12 Q In some of the pictures. And how many lines,
- 13 approximately, on those telephone poles, if you know?
- 14 A There's like eight lines. Telephone poles carry
- 15 all kinds of cable and all kinds of stuff today.
- 16 O Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: How tall are the telephone poles?
- THE WITNESS: These are old telephone poles.
- 19 It's probably why there are so many of them. They're
- 20 probably 35 to 40 feet tall.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 22 THE WITNESS: But to carry all that stuff, there
- 23 has to be more of them.
- 24 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 25 Q Ms. Morrison, I'm going to ask you if you can

- 1 identify another document.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Before you leave that, just let me
- 3 ask you a question. I notice that you don't have any views
- 4 from, to the west of the site, other than that White's
- 5 Ferry one to the south and west. You don't have any that
- 6 are due west, nor do you have any views due east of the
- 7 site. Is there a particular reason for that?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yes. These are large parcels. We
- 9 take our pictures from public roads. We don't go back onto
- 10 private properties.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 12 THE WITNESS: So these are very large parcels.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 14 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 15 Q And I apologize. I've got another question or
- 16 so. Is there a photograph on here that is close to or at
- 17 Mr. Barge's property, on your map? Are there any
- 18 identified on your map, on your map in the middle here? Do
- 19 you recall where Mr. Barge's property is?
- 20 A Mr. Barge. Sure. I'd say the closest is the
- 21 White's Ferry Road. I believe Mr. Barge lives kind of on
- 22 the west side of White's Ferry Road.
- Q Okay. And how far away is that shown on your
- 24 map?
- 25 A .82 miles.

- 1 Q Okay. And is it visible from there?
- 2 A We could not see it.
- 3 Q Thank you.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Let me ask you this on that
- 5 location map. You don't have a north/south indicator that
- 6 I can see. I presume that it is north straight up on this
- 7 map?
- 8 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 9 Q We can utilize it, leave it up, but you can
- 10 certainly use the site plan to help, Ms. Morrison, to help
- 11 with this question. Ms. Morrison?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Do you want to use the site plan to help you with
- 14 the direction?
- 15 A Yes. Wasche runs in the north from White's
- 16 Ferry, kind of northeast. It's not due north. It kind of
- 17 runs to the northeast.
- MR. GROSSMAN: So on this map, north is directly
- 19 up?
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's up, directly up.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 23 Q Thank you. I'll give a copy to Mr. Barge of
- 24 another document there, sir. I'm sorry. I do have some
- 25 more paper coming.

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1 MR. BARGE: By the pound, Jon.
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- 2 (Discussion off the record.)
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q Are you able to identify this document,
- 5 Ms. Morrison?
- 6 A Yes. This is called FAA notice criteria.
- 7 O And what does it show or tell?
- 8 A It's used to show whether FAA would require this
- 9 tower to be lit and whether there is any possible
- 10 interference with the airports.
- 11 Q And as proposed, is this pole going to be
- 12 required to be lit?
- 13 A It will not be required to be lit.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So this is Exhibit 42. The
- 15 FAA criteria indicating -- it says, actually, it doesn't
- 16 require registration. Does it say anywhere on here it does
- 17 require lighting, by the way?
- 18 (Exhibit No. 42 was
- 19 marked for identification.)
- 20 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I don't see that it
- 21 does.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 23 Q Did you confer with colleagues who helped to
- 24 evaluate this for you?
- 25 A I did.

1 Q Okay. If you know, did they say whether they

- 2 know whether it meets --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well that's, that's clearly going
- 4 to be a hearsay answer.
- 5 MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Well, it does say on the first
- 7 page, you must follow the FAA if your structure will exceed
- 8 200 feet above ground level. If your structure exceeds 200
- 9 feet above ground level, I know from my experience, that it
- 10 does require lighting.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And if it does not, from your
- 12 experience, if it does not --
- 13 THE WITNESS: It does not require lighting.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Unless it was close to the airport.
- 16 And this is not close to an airport.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 18 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 19 Q Will T-Mobile, will T-Mobile --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you spoke over her answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: You can infer from the document
- 22 that it will not require lighting.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I don't know if I can infer that,
- 24 but I can gather it from your statement.
- 25 BY MR. HUGHES:

- 1 Q Ms. Morrison, based upon your experience, will
- 2 this proposal be consistent with the general plan for the
- 3 development of this district, including any master plans?
- 4 A No. Can I sit down?
- 5 Q You surely can.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: By the way, I take it, so the
- 7 tower will not have a light on it, is that correct, if it's
- 8 true, Ms. Morrison?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Right. The tower will not have a
- 10 light on it.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 12 THE WITNESS: The tower itself will not have a
- 13 light on it.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Will there be any lighting on the
- 15 site?
- 16 THE WITNESS: There will be a small lamp for the,
- 17 close to the shelter, so that if a maintenance worker came
- 18 there at night, an emergency of the equipment, he could
- 19 turn on a small lamp. That's just within the compound, and
- 20 the compound is fenced.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 22 THE WITNESS: So there is no light that would
- 23 ever go beyond the compound itself.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And that light is not illuminated
- 25 unless there is some nighttime repair that has to be made?

1 THE WITNESS: Right. It's just an OSHA standard

- 2 for the worker.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do, the question was, does
- 5 it meet the requirements for the master plan?
- 6 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 O Yes.
- 8 A Yes. The concealment pole will be located in an
- 9 RDT zone which permits them, by special exception. So in
- 10 that sense, it is in conformance with the master plan
- 11 because as you mentioned at the beginning of the hearing,
- 12 in a zone where a use is permitted by special exception,
- 13 there is a presumption that it's permissible if it meets
- 14 all the standards. It's kind of circular.
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I didn't mention presumption
- 16 that it's permissible. I just said that there is a
- 17 requirement that the, it is not a, it is not a variance.
- 18 The statute has conditions, both general and specific. And
- 19 it's the applicant's obligation to show that it meets those
- 20 criteria. If it does, then they can be granted a special
- 21 exception. But I didn't use the word presumption.
- 22 THE WITNESS: Well, the Zoning Ordinance helps to
- 23 implement the master plan. The Zoning Ordinance permits
- 24 the telecom pole in an RDT zone. And this is an RDT zone.
- 25 Beyond that, I believe it meets the spirit and intent both

- 1 of the general regulations and the special regulations,
- 2 because the parcel itself is surrounded by heavy vegetation
- 3 on several sides.
- 4 The pole is sited with substantial setbacks from
- 5 Wasche Road. We're designing the structure as a
- 6 concealment pole, with all the equipment on the inside,
- 7 rather than on the outside of the pole. And because, based
- 8 on the balloon test, it does have limited visibility except
- 9 right in the immediate vicinity to the south on Wasche
- 10 Road. There is a view from there.
- 11 I don't think you could find a better location
- 12 for this pole. I think it more than meets the standards,
- in my professional opinion as a planner.
- 14 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 15 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 16 O Are you, in your professional opinion, will it be
- in harmony with the general character of the neighborhood
- 18 considering population, density, design scale, bulk of new
- 19 structures, character of activity, traffic, and parking
- 20 regs?
- 21 A Yes. I think I've mentioned that it's a
- 22 concealment pole, so it's in harmony with the surrounding
- 23 area. Also, it's an unmanned facility. It's passive
- 24 views. It does not generate traffic or parking. Visits to
- 25 the site are once every two months, just to check to make

1 sure that everything is in order, or possibly if there is a

- 2 malfunction. No impact on public water or sewer. It
- 3 doesn't create demand for more classrooms. It's a passive
- 4 use.
- 5 Q In your opinion, will it be detrimental to the
- 6 use, peaceful enjoyment, economic value, or development of
- 7 the surrounding properties?
- 8 A No, I don't think so to the extent that the view
- 9 is very marginal, very minimal. And I believe you can say
- 10 that it can enhance property values by bringing better
- 11 wireless communication, both for voice use and data use.
- 12 It's difficult to bring hard line out to rural areas like
- 13 this. So it gives another option for people who live here.
- 14 Q Will it cause any objectionable fumes,
- 15 vibrations, noise, odors, dust, illumination?
- 16 A No. There is no generator there at the site.
- 17 There is virtually no noise, no smell, no odor, no
- 18 interference with other electronic equipment.
- 19 Q Thank you. In your opinion will it adversely
- 20 affect the health, safety, security and rules or general
- 21 welfare of the residents, visitors, or workers in the area?
- 22 A No, it will not because of all the reasons I've
- 23 mentioned before. No traffic.
- 24 Q Thank you. Your opinion, will it be served by
- 25 adequate public services and facilities?

- 1 A Yes, it really has almost nothing to do with
- 2 public facilities that you evaluate for adequacy, sewer,
- 3 water, education, roads.
- 4 Q Okay. I'm going to ask you if you can identify
- 5 another set of documents. Give Mr. Barge a copy.
- 6 MR. BARGE: By the pound.
- 7 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 8 Q Are you able to identify these documents,
- 9 Ms. Morrison?
- 10 A Yes. This is an affidavit signed by William
- 11 O'Brien who is real estate manager for T-Mobile. And it
- 12 testifies to a commitment by T-Mobile to utilize equipment
- 13 similar to or better than the criteria identified in the
- 14 attachment. This has to do with batteries used at the
- 15 site. And that T-Mobile will register the batteries with
- 16 the County's high use facility registration program, which
- 17 is required by Montgomery County law.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So we have Exhibit 43
- 19 is the affidavit of William O'Brien saying that T-Mobile
- 20 will follow County regs. And then attached to it is a fax
- 21 sheet from Erickson Radio base station cabinets, or
- 22 regarding that. That will be Exhibit 43(a). Fact sheet re
- 23 Erickson Radio base station cabinets. And then 43(b) is a
- 24 multi-page, looks like six pages, is a Northstar Battery
- 25 material safety data sheet. Okay.

- 1 (Exhibit No. 43 was
- 2 marked for identification.)
- 3 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Grossman.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q Ms. Morrison, in your opinion, is this support
- 7 structure sited to minimize its visual impact?
- 8 A Yes, it is. It more than meets all the required
- 9 setbacks. We worked very hard to find a place on the
- 10 property that satisfied all the environmental criteria, met
- 11 the zoning setbacks, and still do a good job of hiding the
- 12 pole.
- 13 Q And I believe there was testimony earlier from
- 14 Mr. McGarity about the closest offsite dwelling being close
- 15 to 700 feet away, and that was owned by the Ammermans.
- 16 A Correct.
- 18 A Right. The parcel to the north is entirely
- 19 forested.
- 20 Q Okay. Is the property owner a co-applicant to
- 21 this submission?
- 22 A Yes, he is.
- MR. BARGE: Can you speak louder, please.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 25 MR. HUGHES: I'm sorry, Mr. Barge. Yes, sir.

- 1 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 2 Q And there may have been testimony about this, but
- 3 is it true that this, on the plan, this pole and compound
- 4 are designed for at least three carriers, including
- 5 T-Mobile?
- 6 A Yes, it is.
- 7 Q Is it designed, in fact, for more than three?
- 8 A Let me look at the plan. Yes. The pole will be
- 9 designed with three portals. Let me clarify. It's
- 10 designed with three portals. The top one is for T-Mobile.
- 11 The second one is reserved for T-Mobile. And then there
- 12 is room for a future carrier below it so.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: One future carrier or two?
- 14 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. There's two arrows, two
- 15 future carriers, yes.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: And what does the statute require?
- 17 MR. HUGHES: I believe it is at least two others.
- 18 THE WITNESS: At least two others.
- 19 MR. HUGHES: I may need to recall Mr. McGarity,
- 20 if you would allow me to, just to talk about the structural
- 21 integrity.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I certainly will.
- MR. BARGE: Are you finished? No.
- 24 MR. HUGHES: Can I do that when I finish with
- 25 Ms. Morrison?

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.
- 2 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Grossman.
- 3 MR. BARGE: Are you finished?
- 4 MR. HUGHES: Not quite yet, Mr. Barge. Almost.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 7 Q Ms. Morrison, are you aware of the code section
- 8 that says that there should be no signs or illuminations
- 9 permitted on the antenna or support structure unless
- 10 required by the FCC, FAA, or the County?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And regarding lighting, in particular, but also
- 13 signs, has T-Mobile agreed to comply with that?
- 14 A Yes, the only sign would be the required
- 15 identification sign.
- 16 Q And you have no plans to put a light on the
- 17 tower, just a light, perhaps, on the ground, as you
- 18 mentioned?
- 19 A Right, a lamp on the ground. Yes.
- 20 Q Okay. And would T-Mobile agree to remove the
- 21 structure if it's no longer in use for more than 12 months?
- 22 A Yes.
- MR. BARGE: Can he say that again?
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: Can you repeat that, please?
- 25 BY MR. HUGHES:

1 Q Does T-Mobile agree to remove the structure if

- 2 it's not used for more than 12 months straight?
- 3 A Yes. It would be removed if it was no longer
- 4 used.
- 5 Q Okay. And does T-Mobile agree that the support
- 6 structure will be identified by a sign no larger that two
- 7 square feet?
- 8 A Yes, it will be no more than two square feet in
- 9 conformance with FCC law and with Montgomery County law.
- 10 Q Okay. And does T-Mobile agree not to do any
- 11 outdoor storage inside the compound other than equipment
- 12 utilized for the facility?
- 13 A Correct. There would be no outside storage.
- 14 Just the equipment that would be installed.
- 15 Q Okay. Does T-Mobile agree and understand that it
- 16 is responsible for maintaining the facility, telecom
- 17 facility in a safe condition?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And there was some earlier discussion about the
- 20 Tower Committee, from your testimony. Is it your
- 21 understanding that, or I should say, the code requires that
- 22 it be reviewed within 90 days of submission of the
- 23 application. Has that occurred in this case?
- 24 A Yes, it was reviewed within 90 days of the
- 25 original submission. And it was reviewed again in July of

- 1 2011, which is within 90 days of today.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Ms. Morrison, where in the
- 3 compound is the location for additional carriers equipment,
- 4 i.e., you've already testified that there is room for two
- 5 additional carriers reserved on the pole itself. But where
- 6 is it reserved?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Well, the reason we made the
- 8 compound 50 by 50 is to provide the space for future
- 9 carriers.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 11 THE WITNESS: In this case, we didn't put the
- 12 rectangles in, but you have that whole area. This is the
- 13 typical compound that you design when you want to
- 14 accommodate future carriers.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 16 THE WITNESS: So it's all within that fenced
- 17 area.
- MR. GROSSMAN: So to the south of the pole --
- 19 THE WITNESS: Right.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: -- in effect, is room for two
- 21 additional carriers should they co-located?
- 22 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 24 THE WITNESS: The pole is sited in the middle of
- 25 the compound to make it easy to put the equipment cabinets

- 1 from future carriers.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. I just wanted to make
- 3 sure.
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q Ms. Morrison, if this was approved, can you
- 6 testify that the 155-foot pole would be designed to hold at
- 7 least two other carriers on the pole as well as on the
- 8 ground?
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes, she's testified to that.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes.
- BY MR. HUGHES:
- 12 Q Okay.
- 13 A If I can add one more thing to the testimony in
- 14 terms of harmony and mitigation of the appearance, just to
- 15 point out that it is an eight-foot high board-on-board
- 16 fence that loops around the equipment, plus the landscaping
- 17 around the compound, and then whatever additional
- 18 landscaping we provide.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And right now the
- 20 landscaping around the compound consists of what?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Six to eight-foot high leyland
- 22 cypress and white pines.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Where does it say that?
- 24 THE WITNESS: You'll see that on -- if you
- 25 look --

- 1 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 2 Q What page?
- 3 A On the elevation page.
- 4 Q The second page.
- 5 A Second page.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 7 THE WITNESS: And you look in the middle, kind
- 8 of, it will say, existing gravel area. And then look just
- 9 to the left of that arrow. It points to a bush, proposed
- 10 six to eight-foot high evergreen landscape planting,
- 11 typical.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Thank you.
- 13 MR. HUGHES: Those would be my questions for
- 14 Ms. Morrison.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Barge, do you have
- 16 any questions you wish to ask Ms. Morrison?
- MR. BARGE: Yes, please.
- MR. GROSSMAN: You may proceed.
- 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- BY MR. BARGE:
- 21 Q You mentioned you're going to plant some leyland
- 22 cypress to shield the tower, the monopole?
- 23 A To shield the equipment.
- 24 Q To shield the equipment. And you mentioned
- 25 leyland cypress trees.

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q How high are those trees you're going to plant?
- 3 A Well, they're going to start at six to eight
- 4 feet. They're fast growers.
- 5 Q Six to eight feet.
- 6 A Right.
- 7 Q And how tall is the monopole?
- 8 A They're designed to screen the equipment.
- 9 O No, how tall is the --
- 10 A The monopole is 155 feet.
- 11 Q 155 feet. The trees will be planted at X, at
- 12 eight feet?
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 Q And they grow fast?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q I want to ask you a question. Have you ever seen
- 17 a 155-foot cedar tree, leyland cypress?
- 18 A No.
- 19 O Neither have I.
- MR. GROSSMAN: They don't claim that they're
- 21 going to be able to screen the entire pole. They're going
- 22 to screen the equipment compound.
- BY MR. BARGE:
- Q Now, tell me, with all these trees around it,
- 25 these trees will shed leaves in the fall. Will anybody be

1 able to see the monopole after the leaves have dropped to

- 2 the ground?
- 3 A Based on the previous balloon test that we
- 4 conducted here in the winter --
- 5 Q I mean, that was a yes or no question.
- 6 A I'd say visibility is still going to be very
- 7 limited because of the density of the trees.
- 8 Q The density of the trees without the leaves?
- 9 A Because -- even without leaves, there are so many
- 10 trees.
- 11 Q You won't be able to see the monopole?
- 12 A The visibility may be a little more, but it's
- 13 still very much mitigated, just by the number of trees.
- 14 Q When they go around to acquire this property for
- 15 the monopole, do they do it when the trees are out in full
- 16 leaf, or do they do it in the wintertime?
- 17 A For this particular monopole we started in
- 18 winter.
- 19 O Huh?
- 20 A For this particular case, we started in winter of
- 21 2009.
- 22 Q No, but I mean, when you get approval, is it done
- 23 when the leaves are out, or when the leaves are gone?
- 24 A It depends.
- 25 Q Do you think that a monopole enhances the value

- 1 of the surrounding property?
- 2 A My belief is --
- 3 Q That was a yes or no question.
- 4 A Yes, because it makes, it improves wireless
- 5 service.
- 6 Q A monopole enhances, the mere physical thing of
- 7 it, enhances the value of the adjoining property?
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Well she didn't say the mere
- 9 physical thing. She said that providing wireless service
- 10 enhances the property.
- 11 BY MR. BARGE:
- 12 Q Well, my other question is, if everybody has a
- 13 cell phone, and they have no problem using it in the area,
- 14 why have a cellular tower? Is it so they can say to AT&T,
- 15 we've got all these sites for you, so when you buy us for
- 16 \$39 billion in April, we've got all these towers we're
- 17 going to give you. And that's what it amounts to, doesn't
- 18 it?
- 19 A We have someone else here who can speak to the
- 20 need.
- 21 Q Yes, I think this is more a question for
- 22 Mr. Hughes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, Mr. Hughes is the attorney.
- 24 He doesn't answer questions in that fashion. But he does
- 25 have a witness here who can answer property value

- 1 questions. But you have a right to ask, actually,
- 2 Ms. Morrison did testify in her direct testimony that she
- 3 felt that it would enhance the value of the surrounding
- 4 property. So that door is open and you can ask her a
- 5 question about it if you want.
- 6 BY MR. BARGE:
- 7 O Does this cellular tower enhance the value of the
- 8 surrounding properties? Yes or no?
- 9 A As I said, yes, to the extent --
- 10 Q It does. I thought so. So if they build one on
- 11 my property, my property would be worth more?
- 12 A I can't say yes or no specifically, because so
- 13 many things depend on property values. We have someone
- 14 else here who can speak more to the point.
- 15 O What county do you live in?
- 16 A I live in Baltimore City.
- 17 Q Baltimore City? Get the rope. Baltimore City.
- 18 Do you have a cellular tower on the back of your property?
- 19 A No, I do not.
- 20 MR. BARGE: Okay. That's all the questions I
- 21 have.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Any redirect?
- MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you,
- 25 Ms. Morrison. All right. Let's take a five minute break

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1 here and come back at 25 to 12:00 and continue.
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- 2 (Discussion off the record.)
- 3 (Whereupon, at 11:27 a.m., a brief recess was
- 4 taken.)
- 5 MR. HUGHES: Could I quickly recall Mr. McGarity?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Certainly.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: I will re-call Mr. Michael McGarity.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right, Mr. McGarity. You're
- 9 still under oath.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 11 FURTHER DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 12 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 13 Q Mr. McGarity, regarding your drawing, your plan,
- 14 Exhibits --
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: 38(a) and (b).
- 16 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 18 based on your experience, how many additional carriers
- 19 could potentially get their equipment inside of that?
- 20 A Quite a few depending on the size of their
- 21 equipment, but undoubtedly, easily two additional carriers
- 22 could be located inside a 50 by 50 compound, in addition to
- 23 the T-Mobile installation.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- BY MR. HUGHES:

1 Q Thank you. And is 50 by 50 fairly standard for a

- 2 ground compound?
- 3 A That is the standard, in my experience, that's
- 4 the standard usual size.
- 5 Q That allows for co-locators equipment?
- 6 A That's correct.
- 7 Q Regarding the 155-foot pole, from a civil
- 8 standpoint, is it, is there any doubt in your mind that it
- 9 could house at least two other carriers?
- MR. GROSSMAN: When you civil, do you mean civil
- 11 engineering standpoint?
- 12 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Well, T-Mobile orders the structure
- 15 from a tower manufacturer who actually does the design of
- 16 the tower itself, and the foundation. And they provide,
- 17 they provide signed and sealed engineer drawings for the
- 18 tower itself that certify that it is adequate to accept the
- 19 loading that's proposed for it.
- 20 So T-Mobile can order, T-Mobile can order the
- 21 tower with any of the specifications they require, where
- 22 they need to be able to accommodate three carriers, four
- 23 carriers, five carriers, however many slots are required
- 24 for the pole. The tower manufacturer will design the pole
- 25 to meet that requirement.

1 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I'm only interested in what

- 2 is proposed for this tower.
- 3 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 4 Q And did you hear Ms. Morrison's testimony that
- 5 this pole would house at least two other carriers. Do you
- 6 have any doubt from a civil engineering standpoint that
- 7 that could be done?
- 8 A I have no doubt that that can be done.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I guess it's not a question
- 10 of doubt. The question is, will you be providing, will
- 11 T-Mobile be providing a tower structure here that can
- 12 accommodate two additional telecommunications providers in
- 13 addition to T-Mobile?
- 14 THE WITNESS: I apologize. I think that
- 15 Ms. Morrison just, I thought you said you heard her say
- 16 that. I was just bringing in backup, just here's the
- 17 company commitment, and here is the civil engineering side
- 18 of it.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 20 THE WITNESS: It's my understanding that that's
- 21 what T-Mobile proposes to do here.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Okay. Fine.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Grossman.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Barge, any questions of this
- 25 witness, based on what was just asked now?

1 MR. BARGE: One question. I don't know if

- 2 Mr. McGarity or Mr. Hughes or the lady.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Ms. Morrison.
- 4 MR. BARGE: I have a paper here. I don't know
- 5 where all the paper came from. It says, the
- 6 telecommunications facility must be removed at the cost of
- 7 the owner of the telecommunication facility when the
- 8 facility is no longer needed.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: That's correct.
- 10 MR. BARGE: No, the reason I ask that question, a
- 11 person who knows, I spoke to an expert, so-called expert
- 12 that knows about all this cell phone business. And he
- 13 said, if people in the area have a cell phone, and they
- 14 have no problem using it, then it's not needed. I said,
- 15 well, why are they putting one there?
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Once again, what somebody said
- 17 outside of this hearing room --
- 18 MR. BARGE: So I don't understand why, if
- 19 everybody can use a cell phone, a tower is needed? But
- 20 that's a question -- so some day these towers will be
- 21 antiquated. They won't be around, I'll tell you that, this
- 22 person, I understand they won't be around. I want to
- 23 ask --
- MR. GROSSMAN: They're going to have a witness.
- 25 They're going to have a witness that's going to explain why

1 there is a need under their estimation. They're going to

- 2 have a witness. And you can examine that witness, their
- 3 radio frequency engineer.
- 4 MR. BARGE: They're going to have today?
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 6 MR. BARGE: A person that will explain why it's
- 7 needed?
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: That's correct.
- 9 MR. BARGE: Well, they can -- okay.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. They always have. That's a
- 11 portion of the evidence that's always presented in these
- 12 cases, because the Board of Appeals has to --
- 13 MR. BARGE: But they'll come up with some phone
- 14 made in Russia --
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: Well --
- MR. BARGE: -- that won't pick up.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: But as far as the question you had
- 18 about removal, that's a requirement in the statute.
- 19 There's a requirement in the Zoning Ordinance that if the
- 20 tower is no longer needed that the company agrees that it
- 21 will remove it at its expense, and it's always a condition
- 22 that's required in -- if a special exception is granted, it
- 23 will be a condition of the special exception, or it
- 24 routinely has been a condition.
- 25 MR. BARGE: Now, they have invited, have you

1 invited the owner of record of the property to attend this

- 2 meeting?
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: I think that Mr. Ammerman was --
- 4 MR. BARGE: Mr. Ammerman.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: -- is that correct?
- 6 MR. BARGE: He went out to the meter.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Ammerman's representative is
- 8 here. Yes.
- 9 MR. BARGE: Is he the owner of the property of
- 10 record?
- MR. HUGHES: He's a family member. He's his son.
- 12 MR. BARGE: No, the owner of record of the
- 13 property where you're going to build this horrendous thing,
- 14 pole, the owner of record on the tax assessment, on the tax
- 15 bill?
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: You want to know if that gentleman
- 17 was here?
- MR. BARGE: Yes.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Was he here?
- MR. HUGHES: No, I said his son was here.
- MR. GROSSMAN: His son was here.
- MR. BARGE: His son. Well, he's not the owner of
- 23 record. He just lives there.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: But there is evidence in the
- 25 record as to his ownership. And that owner of the property

1 is a co-applicant on this. He is not required to be here.

- 2 MR. BARGE: Oh, I see. Well, who is going to be
- 3 paid the money for the pole?
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, first of all, this is off
- 5 the -- right now we're in the cross-examination of this
- 6 witness. Do you have any other questions of this witness?
- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. BARGE:
- 9 Q Who's going to be paid for the pole?
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: That's beyond his direct
- 11 examination.
- MR. BARGE: That's beyond his expertise.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. That's not his thing. But
- 14 you can ask, if that were an issue, if that's an issue that
- 15 somebody testifies to, then you can ask the question.
- BY MR. BARGE:
- 17 Q Now, at the same time you put up these leyland
- 18 cypress around the monopole --
- 19 A Yes.
- 21 A Well, first of all --
- 23 MR. GROSSMAN: This witness has not testified
- 24 regarding that, the engineer. But Ms. Morrison testified
- 25 about the screening trees. And she can testify, she can

1 respond to your question, if you want. But do you have any

- 2 other questions for this witness, for Mr. McGarity?
- MR. BARGE: No, not of --
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Thank you,
- 5 Mr. McGarity. Did you have an additional question for
- 6 Ms. Morrison?
- 7 MR. BARGE: About the trees around the monopole?
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes, about the trees. Yes.
- 9 MR. BARGE: Will you put them around my property?
- 10 I mean that's a legal question. When you put them around
- 11 the monopole, the leyland cypress, will you put them in
- 12 front of my house, around, so I won't see the monopole? I
- 13 can see the Pepco tower now. They extended the height
- 14 years ago. They went twice what the -- the little one I
- 15 couldn't see. The new one, I can see.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I don't know if --
- MR. BARGE: When the trees drop the leaves, I can
- 18 see the new tower they built, the Pepco tower. It's not
- 19 owned by Pepco anymore. It's owned by Myrant.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. But --
- 21 MR. BARGE: Pepco sold it to Myrant.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I don't know that, first of all, I
- 23 don't know that putting leyland cypress on your property is
- 24 going to screen the tower from you. That's first of all.
- 25 Secondly, it's not something, your property is not adjacent

- 1 to the subject site. They're not going to, the Board of
- 2 Appeals is not going to require that additional trees be
- 3 planted on your property for this.
- 4 You can have some discussion with Mr. Hughes
- 5 outside of this hearing process, and if they want to plant
- 6 trees on your property for you, that's between you and
- 7 them. But it's not part of this particular application.
- 8 MR. BARGE: The other question I don't think
- 9 you're going to let me ask.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I don't know. You have to
- 11 ask it so I can tell.
- MR. BARGE: Being in the condition I'm in, I have
- 13 to watch television a lot. I have a big screen in front of
- 14 my bed, big. And I was watching it the other day on
- 15 August the 22nd, 2011, channel 353.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, this doesn't sound like it's
- 17 relevant to these proceedings.
- MR. BARGE: Well, that's why I'd like to insist.
- 19 And the Bloomberg Show, Bloomberg business report said
- 20 that they sued the federal government under the freedom of
- 21 information act.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: No, I'm sorry, Mr. Barge. This is
- 23 not relevant to these proceedings.
- MR. BARGE: I can't ask him this question?
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: You can't ask Mr. Hughes.

1 Mr. Hughes is not a witness here. He's the attorney for

- 2 the applicants, but he's not a witness. But do you have
- 3 any other questions of Ms. Morrison?
- 4 MR. BARGE: No.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Thank you,
- 6 Ms. Morrison.
- 7 MR. HUGHES: May I call my next witness?
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: You may call your next witness.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: I call Mr. Oakleigh Thorne, please.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. BARGE: Does this go someplace?
- MR. GROSSMAN: That's a microphone. Yes, that
- 13 provides the court reporter --
- MR. BARGE: What if we had a speaker up there,
- 15 then when you talk into this, everybody could hear you.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: That would be nice but our room is
- 17 not equipped for that unfortunately.
- 18 MR. BARGE: I'll put it in the budget.
- MR. GROSSMAN: We can't get enough money for
- 20 paper, despite all the paper in front of you. I don't know
- 21 that they are going to revamp this room.
- 22 MR. BARGE: I'll provide it free at my expense.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Thorne, would you
- 24 raise your right hand, please?
- 25 (Witness sworn.)

1 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. You may proceed,

- 2 Mr. Hughes.
- 3 MR. HUGHES: Thank you. I'm going to give a
- 4 document to Mr. Barge.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 6 MR. BARGE: By the pound.
- 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 9 Q And ask Mr. Thorne if he can identify this
- 10 document?
- 11 A Yes, I can. This is my resume.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Exhibit 44. And it's
- 13 resume of Oakleigh Thorne.
- 14 (Exhibit No. 4 was
- 15 marked for identification.)
- 16 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 17 Q Mr. Thorne, can you give us a quick overview of
- 18 your career background?
- 19 A I started in the real estate appraisal business
- 20 in 1965 in Poughkeepsie, New York. I've been in this
- 21 region since 1969, practicing as an appraiser, advisor,
- 22 consultant in this region, as well as across the country on
- 23 issues relative to real estate valuation, market studies,
- 24 feasibility studies, financial structuring, and ground
- 25 lease analysis.

1 Q Mr. Thorne, have you ever been recognized as --

- 2 have you ever testified before in zoning hearings like
- 3 this?
- 4 A Numerous testimony in many counties in this
- 5 region, and up in Baltimore and further north.
- 6 Q And in those jurisdictions have you ever been
- 7 recognized as an expert in land appraisal? Or what have
- 8 you been recognized as an expert in?
- 9 A I've been recognized as an expert in real estate
- 10 valuation, as well as an individual relative to feasibility
- 11 studies and impact analysis and fiscal impact analysis.
- 12 Q And have you been recognized in Montgomery County
- 13 by this body recently as an expert?
- 14 A I've been testifying in this venue since 1998.
- 15 Q And were you recently identified as an expert in
- 16 general land appraisal, I believe, or general --
- 17 A Well, I'm a certified general real estate
- 18 appraiser in the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of
- 19 Virginia, and the District of Columbia, where I'm
- 20 permitted, with that license, to appraise all manner of
- 21 commercial property, as well as land.
- 22 MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, I'd like to offer him
- 23 up as an expert.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Barge, do you have
- 25 any questions regarding this witness' expertise as a real

1 estate appraiser? I take it the expertise field is real

- 2 estate appraisal?
- 3 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 4 MR. BARGE: Yes, I do.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- BY MR. BARGE:
- 7 Q Are you a member of the MIA?
- 8 A No, I'm a member of the Appraisal Institute that
- 9 has --
- 10 O You're not a member of the MIA?
- 11 A No, I'm a member of the Appraisal Institute which
- 12 bestows the MAI designation on those who have achieved a
- 13 certain level of education and completed certain
- 14 comprehensive exams and appraisal reports for review at the
- 15 institute.
- 16 O Yes.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: And do you have that MAI
- 18 designation?
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yes, I have the MAI designation.
- BY MR. BARGE:
- 21 Q Okay. Now, you're an expert, you've testified as
- 22 to values.
- 23 A That's correct.
- Q That's what an appraiser does, valuations.
- 25 Location, location, location of property. Do you think

- 1 that this monopole, 155-foot monopole increases or
- 2 decreases, one of the two, no in between, the value of a
- 3 property?
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you can't stop him from --
- 5 if his expertise says there is an in between, then he has
- 6 to answer truthfully. So does it increase, decrease, or
- 7 anything else, regarding the value of the property?
- 8 THE WITNESS: It does not, to the owner, to the
- 9 owner. It does not decrease property values.
- BY MR. BARGE:
- 11 Q It does not. So does it increase property
- 12 values?
- 13 A It has in specific situations, yes.
- 14 Q And what would be those specific to an individual
- 15 property, what would be those situations?
- 16 A Were the property owner wishes to have unreliable
- 17 cell -- reliable cellular telephone service as proximate to
- 18 his house as possible.
- 19 Q All right. Does a property owner, Ammerman, does
- 20 he have trouble with his cell phone?
- 21 A I can't answer the question.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: He hasn't -- first of all, the
- 23 question here is, we've really gone beyond the expertise
- 24 issue. Right now the questions that you're allowed to ask
- 25 him deal with his expertise. We're going to have him

- 1 testify. He's going to be asked questions about the
- 2 subject matter, and then you can cross-examine him on that.
- 3 Do you have any question about his expertise as a real
- 4 estate appraiser?
- 5 MR. BARGE: Not as his real estate.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Then I accept Mr. Thorne as
- 7 an expert in real estate appraisals. All right.
- 8 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 9 O Mr. Thorne, are you familiar with this area and
- 10 this subject property?
- 11 A Yes, I am. I've used White's Ferry, the White's
- 12 Ferry several times, from Leesburg to come to 28. Since I
- 13 do quite a bit of work in Loudoun, I'm familiar with this
- 14 area. I've done numerous land appraisals for conservation
- 15 easements and transfer of development rights for farmers
- 16 that have been active in this region. I've also driven by
- 17 this site and driven on the site. So I'm -- and took some
- 18 photographs of the house directly across from this proposed
- 19 facility.
- 20 Q Thank you. And in your experiences, in your
- 21 experience in your line of work, have you found a proposal
- 22 like this to have a negative impact on values of properties
- 23 in the area?
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, can we -- I'm not sure, when
- 25 you say a proposal like this.

- 1 MR. HUGHES: Okay.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Can we hone it into this case?
- 3 Not a proposal like this.
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q Okay. Based upon your experience, do you expect
- 6 that this proposal will have any negative impact on values
- 7 in this area?
- 8 A Based on the studies that we've conducted since
- 9 1996, up until March of this year in 2011, we've studied
- 10 traditional monopoles. This is what I would call a slim
- 11 line device. I would conclude that there is absolutely no
- 12 impact on property prices or values in the region.
- 13 O Okay. And can you expound upon it a little bit.
- 14 Why is it that you've come to this conclusion?
- A As I said, we started studying monopoles,
- 16 existing monopoles that had primary locators and
- 17 co-locators on these traditional monopoles that ranged from
- 18 a low of 120 feet in height at Bullis School in Montgomery
- 19 County, up to 225 to 280 foot lattice towers on the Eastern
- 20 Shore.
- 21 There have been 11 studies, in other words, there
- 22 have been multiple studies of the same sites over the years
- 23 to go back and confirm or to support previous findings.
- 24 These were in clear view of states in Howard County, on the
- 25 Eastern Shore, as I said, in Baltimore County, the Hunt at

1 Fairfax Station, and then also in Montgomery County at

- 2 Hampshire Greens, a golf community near Burtonsville.
- 3 Q And were any of these studies you've referenced,
- 4 did any of those involve a concealment pole like proposed
- 5 here?
- 6 A No, the --
- 7 Q I'm sorry. Did any of these studies you've
- 8 referenced involve a concealment pole like is proposed
- 9 here?
- MR. BARGE: Okay.
- 11 THE WITNESS: No, these were the traditional
- 12 poles where the racks were outside of the pole structure.
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you. Those would be my
- 14 questions for Mr. Thorne.
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, would it make a difference
- 16 whether it's a concealment pole or the racks are outside of
- 17 the structure?
- 18 THE WITNESS: The visual impact is less with a
- 19 slim pole because it's arch of interference in a horizon
- 20 view is seriously reduced.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: So by slim pole, you're talking
- 22 about the kind of concealment pole that is proposed here?
- 23 THE WITNESS: It's just, yes. It's just a
- 24 telescope versus a telescope with wide ranging racks on the
- 25 outside. This is just like a pencil or a telescope.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: So you're suggesting that this
- 2 proposal, this proposed tower would have less impact than
- 3 the nonconcealment type?
- 4 THE WITNESS: That's correct.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Barge, do you have
- 6 cross-examination questions?
- 7 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 8 BY MR. BARGE:
- 9 Q Yes, now, you start out saying you understand the
- 10 area because you take White's Ferry from Leesburg to
- 11 Maryland. You use White's Ferry. That gives you a general
- 12 overall picture of the area. You used the word
- 13 concealment. When winter comes and leaves drop off, is it
- 14 less concealed than with leaves?
- 15 A Our studies clearly suggest from probably 70 to
- 16 80 different pairs of homes within the view of a monopole
- 17 and those outside the view, that buyers and sellers are not
- 18 incurring discounts because they see the pole. The visual
- 19 relationship to the pole is not the issue. You can have
- 20 the visual relationship, but it has no impact on property
- 21 prices.
- 22 Q When you say visibility, you mean without the
- 23 trees or with the trees, leaves?
- 24 A The issue is that when we looked at homes, the
- 25 leaves or trees have nothing to do with it. They were

1 within the visual impact. They saw the entire pole with

- 2 all three carriers on the pole.
- 3 Q Then why are they going to plant leyland cypress
- 4 around the pole?
- 5 A No, please understand --
- 6 Q Concealment.
- 7 A Please understand, the low growth shrubbery is to
- 8 conceal the compound only. That's all. No one expects
- 9 these trees to be 160-feet in height.
- 10 Q So the trees have no -- planting them is neither
- 11 here nor there as a concealer?
- 12 A It's a concession made by the carrier to at least
- 13 shield the compound, the board-on-board fence from the road
- 14 or from somebody who might be walking on Mr. Ammerman's
- 15 property. That's all.
- 16 Q In other words, if they didn't put the trees, you
- 17 might get some opposition to it?
- 18 A I can't answer that question.
- 19 Q How many sites or central sites have you
- 20 appraised of the monopoles in Montgomery County, in
- 21 Dickerson, in Dickerson. Let's be specific. I know you
- 22 have to go back a long way, but you knowing the area like
- 23 you do, how many sites have you been involved in, in
- 24 Dickerson, Maryland?
- 25 A It might possibly be this is the second one, I

- 1 believe.
- 2 O The second one?
- 3 A Numerous ones in Harford County.
- 4 O I know you've been all over the State of
- 5 Maryland, but in Dickerson, this is the second one?
- 6 A I believe.
- 7 Q You believe. This could be the first one?
- 8 A I'd have to go back to 1996 and look at my job
- 9 file to find out.
- 10 Q Because there were no cell phones in 1996 in
- 11 Dickerson. Maybe you might want to know that.
- 12 A I'm just repeating my history, sir.
- 13 O Your history?
- 14 A That's all.
- 15 O Okay. That's all I have to ask him.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Any redirect?
- 17 MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Thank you.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Next witness?
- 21 MR. HUGHES: Yes. I'd call Mr. Curtis Jews.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Mr. Jews, would you raise
- 23 your right hand, please?
- 24 (Witness sworn.)
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. You may proceed,

- 1 Mr. Hughes.
- 2 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q Mr. Jews, I'm going to ask you if you can
- 6 identify a document.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: No talking on the witness stand --
- 8 THE WITNESS: Sorry.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: -- except your testimony.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Sorry.
- MR. BARGE: You asked, can I identify it?
- MR. HUGHES: I'm going to ask him that.
- 13 MR. BARGE: I thought you asked me, can I
- 14 identify it.
- MR. HUGHES: No, sorry.
- 16 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 17 Q Mr. Jews, can you identify this document?
- 18 A Yes, this is my resume.
- 19 Q Can you tell us a little bit about your
- 20 educational and professional background?
- MR. GROSSMAN: His resume will be Exhibit 45.
- 22 (Exhibit No. 45 was
- 23 marked for identification.)
- MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 25 THE WITNESS: Yes. I have my certification in

1 field service in computer technology, received in 1996.

- 2 am the radio frequency lead engineer for T-Mobile for the
- 3 entire State of Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.,
- 4 the city of Washington, D.C.
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q And have you ever testified before at zoning
- 7 hearings like this?
- 8 A Yes, I have.
- 9 Q Have you ever been recognized as an expert in
- 10 radio frequency engineering or cell site design?
- 11 A Yes, I have.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Radio frequency engineering and
- 13 cell site design or radio frequency --
- MR. HUGHES: Well, I was asking if he's been
- 15 identified in either or.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I have.
- MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, I'd like to offer him
- 19 as an expert in radio frequency engineering.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And you've testified
- 21 before me and other hearing examiners here in Montgomery
- 22 County regarding radio frequency engineering?
- THE WITNESS: Yes, I have.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Mr. Barge, do you have
- 25 any questions regarding this witness' expertise? This is

- 1 only regarding his expertise?
- 2 BY MR. BARGE:
- 3 Q Expertise. Have you used a cell phone in front
- 4 of the proposed tower on Wasche Road?
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: No, this is regarding his
- 6 expertise only, the question of whether or not he's an
- 7 expert.
- 8 MR. BARGE: He's got all the -- yeah, expertise,
- 9 go ahead.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. I do accept
- 11 Mr. Curtis Jews as an expert in radio frequency
- 12 engineering.
- 13 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 14 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 15 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 16 O Mr. Jews, can you explain to us what the current
- 17 coverage is like in this area for T-Mobile's customers?
- 18 A Sure. The current coverage I would classify as
- 19 unreliable coverage. I say unreliable, because there is a
- 20 probability of the user not being able to carry a call or
- 21 have any service at all, inside their home or inside their
- 22 vehicle or if they are on the street.
- 23 Q Are you familiar with the Montgomery County Tower
- 24 Committee?
- 25 A Yes, I am.

1 Q And do you know if they reviewed this

- 2 application?
- 3 A I am aware.
- 4 Q What did, do you know what they found regarding
- 5 this application?
- 6 A I do know that they did find that there was a
- 7 need for this service or this wireless facility, proposed
- 8 facility.
- 9 Q Okay. I'm going to ask you -- and I'm going to
- 10 give copies to Mr. Barge. I'm going to ask you if you can
- 11 identify this document? Here's a copy for Mr. Grossman.
- 12 And let me identify these. These are in the record, Mr.
- 13 Grossman.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- MR. HUGHES: They should be 24(m) and (n), sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 17 BY MR. HUGHES:
- Q Can you tell us what these documents are?
- 19 A What these are, are called propagation maps, or
- 20 composite coverage maps.
- 21 Q And what do they show?
- 22 A What they show, the one that is labeled as
- 23 existing on-air coverage shows the current coverage, or
- 24 current on-air coverage.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And that's 24(n).

- 1 THE WITNESS: And then the next one, which is
- 2 labeled, existing on-air coverage with 7 WAN 251B shows the
- 3 proposed coverage if this wireless facility is used.
- 4 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 5 Q Can you explain what the colors indicate on this
- 6 map, Mr. Jews?
- 7 A Sure. You'll see three colors. The three colors
- 8 are green, blue and yellow. Green is your in building
- 9 coverage, the coverage you can expect inside of your home
- 10 or business. The blue is your in vehicle coverage, the
- 11 coverage you can expect inside of your, obviously your
- 12 vehicle or automobile. And yellow is your on street
- 13 coverage, the coverage that you can expect if you are
- 14 walking along the street roadways with a hands free or to
- 15 the ear.
- 16 O Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: May I suggest also in the future
- 18 that when you, these maps, that the actual existing
- 19 coverage is fine, labeled, existing on-air coverage. But
- 20 then when you talk about adding onto the tower, you can
- 21 still call it existing on-air coverage. It shouldn't be
- 22 proposed on-air coverage, or expected on-air coverage with
- 23 -- it's not an existing coverage.
- MR. HUGHES: Well, you're right to an extent.
- 25 If I, just for dialogue.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.
- 2 MR. HUGHES: If we were to remove the existing, I
- 3 should say the surrounding sites, Mr. Grossman, and we just
- 4 showed this one, you're exactly correct. It is a little
- 5 confusing. Maybe we should say, existing on-air
- 6 surrounding sites, plus proposed for this one, because it
- 7 shows the existing sites, is what they really show, and
- 8 dropping in as proposed. So you're right. We need to
- 9 label it better though.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. I understand your point.
- 11 Yes, something that would say -- but really it is a map
- 12 showing the proposed coverage as it will exist once you add
- 13 this new site. So it is confusing to call it existing a
- 14 second time.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes, I understand your point. Yes,
- 16 sir.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: I should say that there is a
- 18 slight difference in that the copies that you've provided
- 19 now --
- 20 MR. HUGHES: Is the color off a little bit?
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: No, no. It's not so much the
- 22 color as it is that there is a map legend on the ones that
- 23 are in the record, which is helpful. The copies you just
- 24 handed out have a very tiny legend, I guess, in the corner.
- 25 the legend is bigger on the ones that we have in the

1 record, which is fine. I'm happy with that. I'm just

- 2 saying.
- 3 MR. HUGHES: I apologize to you.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q Mr. Jews, so the one that's labeled just existing
- 7 on-air coverage, does that, what does that show to you as
- 8 far as what the coverage is now?
- 9 A Well, what it shows is there will be an
- 10 improvement.
- 11 Q What's it show right now?
- 12 A Sorry. What it shows right now is, there is
- 13 mostly in vehicle and on street coverage, where there is an
- 14 absence of in building coverage.
- 15 O Okay. And what is T-Mobile's goals for its
- 16 customers? What is the goal as far as coverage level you
- 17 desire to provide?
- 18 A I don't understand.
- 19 Q Okay. What coverage levels are you trying to
- 20 provide? On this, you have, I guess, you have three colors
- 21 here.
- 22 A Uh-huh.
- Q What color levels are most customers wanting?
- 24 A They're wanting the color levels of green, which
- 25 would be the in building coverage.

1 Q And why do people, why do you believe they want

- 2 indoor coverage?
- 3 A Because now you have subscribers and customers
- 4 that use this service for home use as far as their home
- 5 phone now is their cell phone. Also for internet use,
- 6 usage.
- 7 Q Okay. And so is it true that there is, besides
- 8 needing coverage, which you've mentioned is not shown, is
- 9 there also something called capacity needs?
- 10 A Yes, there are capacity needs.
- 11 Q And what type of services use a lot of capacity
- 12 on a wireless network?
- 13 A The data part of the service. Data, now we can
- 14 surf the internet on our phones, or tablets, or many mobile
- 15 devices, texting, video streaming, things of that nature.
- 16 O So if this site was approved and built, what
- 17 would it mean regarding coverage and capacity in this area?
- 18 A It will increase, it will improve the coverage,
- 19 but also increase capacity. And the capacity, just to give
- 20 you an example, such as a roadway where there is a lot of
- 21 vehicular traffic, we have to widen the roads to provide
- 22 more space. So that's essentially what we're doing here
- 23 with the network. We're adding more room for more
- 24 customers.
- 25 Q And can you -- is it fair to say that you and

- 1 your team help design new sites for T-Mobile?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q How does it get to the point of where you guys
- 4 know that you need to design a new site?
- 5 A My team, which is the design team, we work with
- 6 the performance engineers. The performance engineers are a
- 7 team of engineers that monitor the health of the network.
- 8 They are constantly monitoring stats, and also the customer
- 9 experience. And if certain goals or stats fall below what
- 10 we, as T-Mobile have set, then I work with the performance
- 11 engineers to help improve certain areas.
- 12 Q Okay. And did that type of evaluation occur in
- 13 this case?
- 14 A Yes, it did.
- 15 Q And what happens then? What type of evaluation
- 16 or action do you and your team review and/or work on?
- 17 A Well, what I need to do is evaluate the area, and
- 18 look at the actual coverage needs in the field, then also
- 19 come up with -- to find a location that will help in aiding
- 20 and providing the best improvement in the area. That's
- 21 generally what it is --
- Q Okay.
- 23 A -- that happens.
- MR. GROSSMAN: When you say the coverage is
- 25 deficient in the area, are you talking about coverage from

- 1 all carriers, or are you talking about T-Mobile?
- THE WITNESS: Just T-Mobile. Yes, sir, just
- 3 T-Mobile.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 5 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 6 Q Mr. Jews, I'm going to ask you if you can
- 7 identify another document. I'm going to give a copy to
- 8 Mr. Barge and the original to Mr. Grossman.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you.
- 10 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 11 Q Are you able to identify this document?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 O And what is this document? What is it?
- 14 A This is a letter I --
- 15 O Tell us.
- 16 A This is a letter I created that basically states
- 17 that T-Mobile will adhere to the FCC standards and
- 18 guidelines, and also not to interfere with any public
- 19 safety systems in this area --
- Q Okay.
- 21 A -- for the County.
- 22 Q When you say FCC standards, are you and T-Mobile
- 23 agreeing that you'll follow all FCC guidelines, rules,
- 24 regs?
- 25 A Yes. Yes, that is the agreement.

1 Q And does that include the FCC emissions

- 2 guidelines?
- 3 A That is correct.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. And this is Exhibit 46, as
- 5 letter from Curtis Jews indicating T-Mobile will meet all
- 6 FCC standards and guidelines. Okay.
- 7 (Exhibit No. 46 was
- 8 marked for identification.)
- 9 MR. HUGHES: Thank you.
- 10 BY MR. HUGHES:
- 11 Q Mr. Jews, regarding non-interference, how do you
- 12 and T-Mobile know that you won't interfere with other
- 13 public safety systems?
- 14 A Because we operate on our own frequency band that
- 15 is totally separate from other carriers, other carriers
- 16 being AT&T, Verizon.
- 17 Q And for folks like Mr. Barge and others who live
- 18 in the area, do they need to be concerned about your
- 19 frequency technology interfering with the TV antennas or
- 20 phones or hearing aides or other sorts of items?
- 21 A No, they do not.
- Q And why is that?
- 23 A Because once again, we are a separate frequency
- 24 band from those. There's more than enough separation
- 25 between those devices.

1 MR. HUGHES: Okay. Can I have one second, Mr.

- 2 Grossman?
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure.
- 4 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, sir. Thank you. Those
- 5 would be our questions for this witness.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Mr. Barge, did you have any
- 7 questions of this witness?
- 8 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. BARGE:
- 10 Q On this map, I couldn't hear you when you were
- 11 talking about this, but this small legend up in the right
- 12 hand corner?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q These look like oil derricks to me. They look
- 15 like oil derricks.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 17 BY MR. BARGE:
- 18 Q What are they really?
- 19 A That is just a symbol that I've used to
- 20 demonstrate, if you notice, the proposed site, which is
- 21 7 WAN 251B, pretty much almost kind of in the center.
- BY MR. BARGE:
- Q Where is that located?
- MR. HUGHES: That's on Wasche Road.
- BY MR. BARGE:

- 1 Q Okay.
- 2 A If you notice the sites where you have the green,
- 3 I guess, kind of circles.
- 4 O Yeah.
- 5 A I have the red kind of like quotation style marks
- 6 on the outside, indicating that those sites are actually on
- 7 air. They are provided service now. And the other ones
- 8 don't.
- 9 Q So these eight, I'll call them oil derricks,
- 10 those are cell phone towers you have in place already?
- 11 A Those are currently on there, yes.
- 12 MR. HUGHES: The only qualification, if I can add
- 13 it, is those aren't all T-Mobile's. Those are sites that
- 14 we are on.
- THE WITNESS: For T-Mobile.
- 16 MR. HUGHES: Structures that we're on, Mr. Barge.
- 17 MR. BARGE: Structures that --
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: They're not all T-Mobile towers,
- 19 but they all have T-Mobile antennas on them.
- MR. HUGHES: Yes. And they may be poles, towers,
- 21 whatever.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. What they're depicting,
- 23 every one of them, except for the center one. The center
- 24 one doesn't exist yet. That's the one they're proposing.
- 25 That's the one that's labeled 7 WAN 251B as in boy. Those

- 1 are, that's the only one that doesn't exist yet. That's
- 2 the one they're proposing. All the others around here
- 3 refer to locations where there are T-Mobile
- 4 telecommunications facilities. They may be sited on other
- 5 people's poles or whatever, but they have their antennas up
- 6 in these areas.
- 7 BY MR. BARGE:
- 8 Q Would it surprise you to know that about January
- 9 or February or March, I got a long distance call from a
- 10 friend of mine using a cell phone. He was in California.
- 11 And he called me at home. I was in bed watching
- 12 television. And I said, Gary, this is costing you a lot of
- 13 money on your phone. He said, it's not costing me a
- 14 nickel. I'm using my cell phone. Does that surprise you,
- 15 he could call from California to Dickerson, Maryland, on a
- 16 cell phone and reach me plain as day?
- 17 A It does not surprise me. We, T-Mobile, offer
- 18 numerous plans where you can make unlimited voice calls to
- 19 anywhere within the United States. So I would not be
- 20 surprised by that.
- 21 Q So in other words, if he could call me then, and
- 22 I didn't, he wasn't running up a bill. He said, this is
- 23 free. I don't understand that. He said, this is free.
- 24 Nothing is free. That means that I don't need a cell tower
- 25 in front of my property, if he can reach me plain as day.

1 And how did we live without cell phones 30, 40, 50, when he

- 2 was 10 years old, 15 years old, when I was 15 and 10,
- 3 during World War II? How did we get along without cell
- 4 phone towers? We're alive today.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: That's two questions.
- 6 MR. BARGE: Yeah.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Well, the latest one, I can't speak
- 8 to that because I wasn't even thought of. But yes,
- 9 technology has changed quite a bit. But yes, once again,
- 10 nothing is free, but I said the plans. You have to pay for
- 11 the plan.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, he's saying, I think he's
- 13 going to the -- he's saying, if he can get this call --
- MR. BARGE: From California.
- MR. GROSSMAN: -- regardless of the price, from
- 16 California --
- 17 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: -- but clear as day, why is there
- 19 a need for this cell tower?
- THE WITNESS: Yes, there's a lot of --
- MR. BARGE: Correct.
- 22 THE WITNESS: -- there's a lot of other routing
- 23 and things like that that happen during the call process.
- 24 So it's not a matter of your friend being wherever he is to
- 25 where you are, and it just goes from there to there.

1 There's other routing and switching that takes place.

- 2 MR. BARGE: Well, if I use --
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: From wherever, from wherever, he
- 4 wants to know if he gets cell phone coverage in his area,
- 5 why is there a need for another cell tower?
- 6 MR. HUGHES: For T-Mobile.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: For T-Mobile.
- 8 THE WITNESS: For T-Mobile. But once again, I
- 9 think he has stated earlier that he does not have T-Mobile
- 10 cell service.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 12 THE WITNESS: So I can't answer that.
- BY MR. BARGE:
- 14 Q I have Verizon as my telephone. I guess you have
- 15 to have it. And if I want to call Gary, and I didn't get
- 16 his number, by the way, in California, do I have to go
- 17 through various circuits to get to him? Like you
- 18 mentioned, when Gary called me, he had to go there, there,
- 19 there. If I call by telephone, does it go from here to
- 20 there or here to there?
- 21 A Pretty much the process would be similar.
- 22 Q So it's the same by telephone as cell phone. So
- 23 if you have a telephone, what do you need a cell phone, a
- 24 cell tower. I have a cell phone I've used. I got it for
- 25 Christmas, a jitterbug. I've used it five times. And the

1 reason that Jon bought it for me, in case I fall, I have an

- 2 accident --
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 4 MR. BARGE: -- I can call him to come and pick me
- 5 up.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Do you know the carrier? Do you
- 7 know the telecommunication carrier?
- 8 MR. BARGE: Yes. It's Verizon? Right Jon?
- 9 MR. ANDERSON: I use Verizon.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So I think the point is,
- 11 this is like the thoughts are passing in the night here.
- 12 The point is that you have Verizon coverage. His company
- 13 that he's testifying to as to the need is for his company's
- 14 coverage. That is, he is saying that T-Mobile does not
- 15 have adequate coverage in your area.
- 16 And for all those people who have T-Mobile
- 17 service, he's testifying that they need the cell tower to
- 18 give them adequate service, not only for telephone calls,
- 19 but for all the other things people use cell phones for
- 20 these days, data usage. That's what he's testified to.
- BY MR. BARGE:
- 22 Q Sir, I'm just curious, what cell phone would not
- 23 operate in front of this property on Wasche Road? What's
- 24 the name of that cell phone?
- 25 A I would not know that.

1 Q Because I've tested various ones, and we had good

- 2 reception.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Were they T-Mobile?
- 4 MR. BARGE: On that cell phone in front of that
- 5 proposed tower?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: I think that you're missing the
- 7 point, though, Mr. Barge. The point is that different
- 8 carriers provide different service, have their own
- 9 telecommunications service. And the point he's making is,
- 10 he's testifying, rightly or wrongly, but he's testifying
- 11 that T-Mobile does not have adequate coverage in this area,
- 12 as depicted on the map which shows yellow on the existing
- 13 coverage in this area, which means that it has on street
- 14 coverage, but not in home or in vehicle coverage.
- Whereas once you, once the tower they're
- 16 proposing is put up, he is saying that there will be green
- 17 coverage, which means that they will have in vehicle and in
- 18 home coverage in this area for T-Mobile. That's what he's
- 19 saying, and why there is a need for it. So I just want you
- 20 to understand what that, what his testimony is.
- 21 BY MR. BARGE:
- Q Does this mean that AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile,
- 23 you can't use those phones to call in front of this
- 24 property to somebody else? And Verizon. They list in the
- 25 Washington Post six phones?

1 A Once again, I can only testify to the service for

- 2 T-Mobile, or condition of the service for T-Mobile.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, no, you can ask him
- 5 questions.
- 6 MR. BARGE: -- ask him questions.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 8 BY MR. BARGE:
- 9 Q Does this mean, if this T-Mobile site doesn't go
- 10 in, AT&T won't pay \$39 billion to T-Mobile to acquire all
- 11 their sites?
- 12 A That I cannot answer.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: He doesn't know the answer to
- 14 that.
- MR. BARGE: Because this judge --
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: No, no, no. Don't tell me what
- 17 anybody said. Just ask questions if you have questions.
- 18 BY MR. BARGE:
- 19 Q Are you aware that the U.S. District Judge Ellen
- 20 Quibell in Washington is suing the closed down AT&T because
- 21 this provides a monopoly
- MR. GROSSMAN: That's not true?
- MR. BARGE: Isn't it?
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: No. The judges don't sue. She's
- 25 a judge in a case that involves that. But that's not -- he

1 hasn't testified regarding that at all. So it's not within

- 2 his --
- 3 BY MR. BARGE:
- 4 Q Well, I was just wondering, is there a monopoly?
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Once again, that's outside the
- 6 scope of --
- 7 MR. BARGE: That's outside. I'm sorry.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: He's an expert in --
- 9 MR. BARGE: That's all the questions I have.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. He's an expert in radio
- 11 frequency engineering. He's not --
- MR. BARGE: Okay. Radio frequency. Okay. We
- 13 have all that.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. BARGE: I guess.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Any redirect?
- 17 MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you, Mr. Jews.
- THE WITNESS: No problem.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Any further witnesses?
- MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. At this time,
- 23 Mr. Barge, this is your opportunity to complete your
- 24 testimony regarding the proposed changes and the location
- 25 of the facility we talked about. We've already testified

1 on June 24th, and you don't have to repeat any of that, as

- 2 I told you, I listed to your testimony. I read it in the
- 3 transcript. I even summarized it. So I'm familiar with
- 4 what you said. The only question is, do you have any
- 5 further testimony regarding the new location for this site?
- 6 MR. BARGE: Well, I know you're going to stop me
- 7 if I ask the wrong question. I'm prepared for that.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, this is not a question.
- 9 This is your opportunity. This is your opportunity to
- 10 testify. You are under oath, which I put you under oath
- 11 the last time. This is your opportunity to testify or to
- 12 complete your testimony. You've already testified. To
- 13 complete your testimony regarding this changed location of
- 14 the site.
- MR. BARGE: One, isn't -- number one, isn't the
- 16 public entitled to know, one, the number of cell towers
- 17 presently under lease in Montgomery County, Maryland, terms
- 18 of the lease, such as amounts paid out for each tower per
- 19 month and year, duration of the leases, location of the
- 20 towers, names of payees and number of sites under
- 21 consideration by T-Mobile in Montgomery County, Maryland.
- 22 Second question. Why does T-Mobile need so many
- 23 towers? Three. Why do you need -- I better not ask this
- 24 question. What are -- it involved attorneys, so I'm not
- 25 going to ask it.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you --
- 2 MR. BARGE: I'll go ahead and ask it.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: People have lots of opinions about
- 4 attorneys. It's fine. Attorneys are like other people.
- 5 There are good ones, bad ones, and in between ones. Go
- 6 ahead.
- 7 MR. BARGE: Well my favorite one was at the
- 8 Mayflower. He was Governor of New York.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 10 MR. BARGE: That was my favorite. Believe me,
- 11 that was my favorite attorney. Why do you need so many
- 12 attorneys for setting up the cell phone agreements?
- Okay. Four, why are T-Mobile lawyers
- 14 establishing the cell towers as LLC? What is the dollar
- 15 amount of any legal liability per cell tower? In other
- 16 words, if you got \$5 in your account, T-Mobile, and you're
- 17 an LLC, I can't sue for more than \$4.
- Why are these towers established and operated
- 19 under T-Mobile instead of LLC? Please describe anything
- 20 you are doing illegal or questionable? If you cannot
- 21 furnish me as a citizen of Montgomery County the above
- 22 information, I will request it pursuant to freedom of
- 23 information act through the ACLU or common cause.
- And after I saw that on TV about Bloomberg sued
- 25 the federal government under the freedom of information

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1 act, they got 29 pages -- that was a secret deal that --
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- MR. GROSSMAN: We're going way, way far afield.
- MR. BARGE: Yeah. That was a secret deal.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: This has nothing to do with Mayor
- 5 Bloomberg in New York. It has to do with --
- 6 MR. BARGE: I like him.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. It has to do with the
- 8 question of a cell tower here. And a lot of these
- 9 questions that you raise are, I'm not saying they're not
- 10 legitimate questions, but they're not for this particular
- 11 proceeding. You can go to the --
- 12 MR. BARGE: HLU?
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: No. You can go to the County
- 14 telecommunications office, and they probably do have lots
- of the information that you're seeking. But that's general
- 16 information that doesn't have to do with this particular
- 17 request.
- As I mentioned at the beginning, there are very
- 19 specific statutory standards that I look at. They are all
- 20 outlined in the staff report, the technical staff report of
- 21 the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.
- 22 And if you look at that report, you have a copy
- 23 of it, you'll see that all of those standards are set out
- 24 in the report. And those are the standards that I look to.
- 25 And that's what the statute requires that I look at, and

1 nothing else. I don't take a vote on what people think, in

- 2 general. I'm not permitted to. The case law says, zoning
- 3 is not a plebiscite.
- 4 MR. BARGE: In other words, these questions I
- 5 just asked --
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Those are not questions --
- 7 MR. BARGE: Those are not questions?
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: -- for this proceeding. You can
- 9 ask any witness who testified in cross-examination,
- 10 anything that's within the scope of their examination. And
- 11 you can raise issues yourself in your own testimony, but
- 12 most of the questions that you set forth are questions that
- 13 you'd want to pose to County offices that deal with
- 14 telecommunications matters, not in this proceeding.
- 15 MR. BARGE: Are you familiar with the Montgomery
- 16 County Side Alliance.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Once again, you can't -- he
- 18 doesn't have to answer questions. He's the attorney. That
- 19 means he is the applicant's attorney. He is not a witness
- 20 in the case. And so you can't ask him questions and expect
- 21 him to answer questions from you in this proceeding. He is
- 22 not required to answer questions from you in this
- 23 proceeding.
- MR. BARGE: Can I ask any question?
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, you can ask me questions, if

1 you want. If I can answer your questions, I'll answer

- 2 them, if they are relevant.
- 3 MR. BARGE: Okay. I have here in the newspaper
- 4 T-Mobile's troublesome towers. Are you familiar with that?
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: No.
- 6 MR. BARGE: Okay. I wonder why they're
- 7 troublesome. But anyway, that's all.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. I'm not trying to frustrate
- 9 you. I want to give you the opportunity --
- 10 MR. BARGE: I am trying. I've been frustrated,
- 11 sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I want to give you the opportunity
- 13 to, and I think I have given you lots of opportunities --
- MR. BARGE: You have, indeed.
- 15 MR. GROSSMAN: -- to state your feelings about
- 16 it, and I understand your feelings about it. I mean, I
- 17 understand why you feel the way you do. But I still have
- 18 to follow the rules and regulations set out by statute, the
- 19 Zoning Ordinance. All right. So have you completed
- 20 your --
- 21 MR. BARGE: I just want to ask you one question.
- 22 Did you, and I'm saying he's T-Mobile. Can I say that?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, he --
- MR. BARGE: He represents T-Mobile.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: He represents T-Mobile.

1 MR. BARGE: Okay. Did you talk with any of the

- 2 adjacent property owners on Wasche Road?
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Go ahead. You can answer that
- 4 question for him, Mr. Hughes. Did you talk to them?
- 5 MR. HUGHES: I did not.
- 6 MR. BARGE: He can't answer that?
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: No, I told him to go ahead and
- 8 answer it.
- 9 MR. HUGHES: I did not, Mr. Barge.
- 10 MR. BARGE: You did not talk to them. Can I make
- 11 a statement that I talked to them?
- 12 MR. GROSSMAN: Absolutely. Sure. You can say
- 13 you talked to them, but you can't --
- MR. BARGE: I'll tell you what they said.
- MR. GROSSMAN: -- you can't tell me what they
- 16 said, if you're offering it to prove the truth of what they
- 17 asserted because in fairness, they're not here to be cross-
- 18 examined. So it's not fair if you are offering it to prove
- 19 the truth of what they're saying. So that's what they call
- 20 hearsay.
- 21 Now, some hearsay is permitted in this type of
- 22 proceeding, but it has to be reliable and probative. And I
- 23 can't say that if somebody, in fairness, I have to be fair
- 24 to both sides here, I can't allow people who made
- 25 statements outside of this courtroom or hearing room, I

1 should say, to testify through you without being present to

- 2 be cross-examined. It's just not fair.
- 3 MR. BARGE: Not fair.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 5 MR. BARGE: Well, okay. Well, when do you start
- 6 construction on the cell phone tower?
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, he can't -- there is, the
- 8 proceeding is this. After this hearing, I write a report
- 9 and recommendation. And I will send you, I have your
- 10 address, we will send you a notice that that report and
- 11 recommendation is on the website. Do you know how to get
- 12 onto the internet?
- 13 MR. BARGE: I don't have a computer. I don't
- 14 know about them.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. We'll send you -- all
- 16 right. We'll send you a copy of my report.
- 17 MR. BARGE: I'm like Judge Judy. She doesn't
- 18 have a computer. She doesn't have a fax machine.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. BARGE: She doesn't understand them, like me.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. I will send you the written
- 22 copy of my report.
- MR. BARGE: One more question.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, hold on a second and let me
- 25 just say, that report is due 30 days after the record

1 closes here. Now, the record is going to be held open for

- 2 a bit to get the modified plan, as far as where they're
- 3 going to put, they're going to put some screening trees.
- 4 But 30 days from the date that the record closes, I produce
- 5 my report, then you have 10 days after my report is issued,
- 6 you have 10 days --
- 7 MR. BARGE: To appeal.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: No, in which to request oral
- 9 argument if you wish it before the Board of Appeals. If
- 10 you do request oral argument before the Board of Appeals,
- 11 they may or may not grant that. They don't publish, they
- 12 don't send out a notice of their work session. So you have
- 13 to check with the Board of Appeals as to when they're going
- 14 to have their work session at which they will discuss my
- 15 report and this application.
- 16 At that work session, if somebody requests an
- 17 oral argument, they will decide whether or not to grant
- 18 oral argument. If they do grant oral argument, they'll
- 19 hold that probably at some future time, although they could
- 20 hold it right then.
- In any event, at some point they will have a work
- 22 session at which they will hear this case, and they will
- 23 base their decision only on the record that's compiled
- 24 here. There will be no additional evidence received, only
- 25 argument on the evidence. No additional evidence. And if

- 1 they allow argument at all.
- 2 And then, then they will make their decision, and
- 3 they will, a few weeks after that, they will issue a
- 4 resolution. And you'll get a copy of that resolution. And
- 5 that resolution will tell you how they resolved the case.
- 6 Then, if you wish to appeal that resolution,
- 7 that's the final --
- 8 MR. BARGE: No, I'll be dead by then.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Hopefully not. And if you wish to
- 10 appeal that resolution, you'll have an opportunity to
- 11 appeal that to a court. So that's the way the process
- 12 works. I wanted you to understand the process.
- 13 MR. BARGE: Mr. Hughes, I'd like to ask a
- 14 question. At the June the 24th hearing when Park and
- 15 Planning told you that your pad was not in accordance with
- 16 the distance required for the cell phone tower of 155 feet
- 17 in, I want to ask you this question because someone in the
- 18 neighborhood told me it was already done, did you pour a
- 19 pad 40 some feet from the property line for the cell phone
- 20 tower? Was a cement pad poured?
- 21 MR. HUGHES: No, sir. We have not done any
- 22 construction.
- 23 MR. BARGE: Because a friend of mine said it was
- 24 poured. And I said, well, it can't be poured, it hasn't
- 25 been approved.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Correct. He said, no.
- 2 MR. BARGE: So, you said --
- 3 MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- 4 MR. BARGE: Would you say that the tower will be
- 5 up in six months, about six months?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: He can't no because he can't know
- 7 until, unless and until it is approved. He doesn't know.
- 8 The Board of Appeals has to act on it, and they make the
- 9 decision in the case.
- 10 MR. BARGE: Okay. But I did say when I won the
- 11 cell phone tower on White's Ferry Road, and I understand
- 12 Mr. Hughes it was the first cell phone tower facility that
- 13 was ever defeated in Montgomery County, one of the
- 14 questions I asked the -- I think it was in this room.
- 15 There were other people sitting up there.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: Right, probably the Board of
- 17 Appeals.
- 18 MR. BARGE: There was a lawyer. Was it you
- 19 sitting at that end?
- MR. GROSSMAN: No.
- 21 MR. BARGE: And I met a man at Bob Evans --
- MR. GROSSMAN: We can't, we're going too far
- 23 afield.
- MR. BARGE: Okay. Let me --
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: You can tell this to Mr. Hughes

1 afterwards if you want. But as to the hearing, as far as

- 2 the hearing is concerned --
- MR. BARGE: I wanted to ask a question. Do you
- 4 think that cell phone towers are needed for cell phones in
- 5 Montgomery County in front of this property?
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I --
- 7 MR. BARGE: That's a question I'm asking him.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. But Mr. Hughes is not
- 9 a witness here, and I think he has produced evidence that
- 10 it's needed.
- 11 MR. BARGE: Well, he's tested it. I mean, I have
- 12 tested it. I can tell you, and you can ask me a question,
- 13 and I'll say, a cell phone isn't needed. And then I'll
- 14 say, why is a tower needed? Well, we're trying to get as
- 15 many towers as we can so when AT&T goes to pay us some
- 16 money, we can say, here's how many towers we've got for
- 17 you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I understand that's, I
- 19 understand that's your position and you've already
- 20 testified as to that. Is there anything further that
- 21 you --
- MR. BARGE: No questions further.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Mr. Anderson. Do you want
- 24 to come forward Mr. Anderson, and do you have something to
- 25 say?

- 1 MR. ANDERSON: Yes.
- 2 MR. BARGE: He's a farmer.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right, sir. Just have a seat
- 4 right there next to -- you can sit right next to Mr. Barge.
- 5 MR. BARGE: Sit in the expert's chair.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: You have to move that microphone,
- 7 sir, so you can be heard.
- 8 MR. ANDERSON: This is being recorded?
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 10 MR. BARGE: You're being recorded, comrade.
- 11 MR. ANDERSON: There was a lady that came in and
- 12 told us, while you were gone --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Wait, before you do that, let me
- 14 get your full name and address, please?
- 15 MR. ANDERSON: Okay. It's Jon Anderson.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right, Mr. Anderson. And
- 17 what's your address?
- 18 MR. ANDERSON: 28710 Kemptown Road.
- MR. GROSSMAN: And that is in?
- 20 MR. ANDERSON: Damascus, Maryland, Montgomery
- 21 County.
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: And what's your zip code?
- MR. ANDERSON: 20872. I've been a resident since
- 24 1967.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: And about how far is that from

- 1 this site?
- 2 MR. ANDERSON: Approximately 24 miles.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. All right. Would you raise
- 4 your right hand, please?
- 5 (Witness sworn.)
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Now you can proceed.
- 7 MR. ANDERSON: How do we address you, as Your
- 8 Honor, or mister?
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: No. Mr. Hearing Examiner,
- 10 Mr. Grossman, either one.
- MR. ANDERSON: Okay. I suppose you're saying,
- 12 well he lives over in Damascus, what does he have to do
- 13 here. Well, you're Baltimore and he's over in Carroll
- 14 County, so I can say the same, I guess.
- I know what T-Mobile is, what they're trying to
- 16 do. They want to expand their business. The number of
- 17 subscribers for T-Mobile is a little over 33 million. AT&T
- 18 is 96, I'm sorry 98, 98 and a half. And then you get
- 19 Verizon which is --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Where are you getting these
- 21 figures?
- MR. BARGE: The Washington Post.
- MR. ANDERSON: Okay. I'm sorry. I guess for the
- 24 record, these figures come from the Washington Post on
- 25 September the 2nd, 2011.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 2 MR. ANDERSON: So obviously --
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: What page is that?
- 4 MR. ANDERSON: I'm sorry, page A-12.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: A-12, and you said it was
- 6 September --
- 7 MR. ANDERSON: Second.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: -- second, 2011.
- 9 MR. ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. And what were the
- 11 figures again?
- MR. ANDERSON: Okay.
- MR. BARGE: Do you want to give him that copy?
- MR. ANDERSON: AT&T is, I'll give you the exact
- 15 numbers, 98.6 million.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Subscribers?
- 17 MR. ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 19 MR. ANDERSON: Sprint is 52 million.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. ANDERSON: And Verizon 106.3 million.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- MR. ANDERSON: And T-Mobile, 33.6 million.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 25 MR. ANDERSON: So it's obvious. They want to

- 1 expand. They want to make more money. And that's
- 2 understandable. That's business. That's capitalism. And
- 3 I accept that, because I'm a retired business man.
- But what I'd like to say is that Mr. Goldman,
- 5 about two months ago I took a trip to northern Illinois to
- 6 visit a relative. And going across out country, after, I
- 7 don't know five-six hours on the highway driving I started
- 8 to notice all of these towers out in fields like this one.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Well, that's a picture
- 10 of a telephone pole.
- 11 MR. ANDERSON: Correct. There are telephone
- 12 poles and there's electric poles in this particular
- 13 photograph. The point I wanted to make is that I thought
- 14 it was a crime that our horizons are covered with poles. I
- 15 don't care whether they are Verizon or T-Mobile poles, or
- 16 electric company poles. But somewhere along the line,
- 17 Mr. Goldman, we've got to say no more.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. Grossman is my name, by
- 19 the way.
- MR. ANDERSON: I'm sorry, sir.
- MR. GROSSMAN: That's all right.
- 22 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Grossman. I'm trying to think
- 23 ahead of what I want to tell you.
- MR. BARGE: Football.
- 25 MR. ANDERSON: At some time we've got to just

- 1 say, enough is enough. Now, T-Mobile, yes, they want to
- 2 expand. And I told you why. But already now we have good
- 3 acceptance from other mobile companies, other cell phone
- 4 companies. My own phone, I have a Verizon phone. I'm
- 5 sorry, it's a Samsung phone, but Verizon supplies the
- 6 communications. And I can get almost indoor, outdoor, in
- 7 the car, around here, up and around Poolesville, Dickerson,
- 8 Damascus.
- I can use it at any time, as long as I keep the
- 10 battery charged. At age 75 sometimes I have a hard time
- 11 remembering to charge the battery occasionally. But
- 12 anyhow, getting on, it's a shame that we are cluttering our
- 13 horizons with poles and wires.
- MR. GROSSMAN: That's not really an issue before
- 15 me. I'm not making a policy decision as to whether or not
- 16 cell towers are a good thing or a bad thing. That decision
- 17 has already been made, first by the federal government,
- 18 which has regulations on that --
- 19 MR. ANDERSON: I understand.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: -- and to some extent preempt the
- 21 field here. And secondly, by the state and locality that
- 22 cell towers are permissible under the circumstances that
- 23 are spelled out in the Zoning Ordinance.
- 24 And so what I do is apply the standards of the
- 25 Zoning Ordinance. I don't make a policy decision as to

1 whether it's good for the world or bad for the world to

- 2 have cell towers. I follow the guidelines of the
- 3 ordinance. That's my job.
- 4 MR. ANDERSON: But somewhere along your life
- 5 span --
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 7 MR. ANDERSON: -- you're in a position to maybe
- 8 expound upon these issues. And maybe we've gone overboard
- 9 on some things.
- 10 Down in Damascus, our little community of
- 11 Damascus, it was cluttered with poles and wires. But then
- 12 they decided to put that all underground. And you wouldn't
- 13 believe how it opened up the sky. It was unbelievable.
- 14 And you wouldn't say it was the same community.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 16 MR. ANDERSON: Now, you from Baltimore County,
- 17 you don't enjoy open spaces until you get out in the
- 18 country somewhere. This gentleman here, he lives up in
- 19 Carroll County. Well, I don't think he's got any poles in
- 20 his back yard, or towers. But enough said on that.
- I'm not an environmentalist, but I do enjoy being
- 22 able to see our world unobstructed, only by --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right. I'm not saying you're
- 24 wrong. I'm just saying it's not within my purview to make
- 25 that decision.

- 1 MR. ANDERSON: -- mother nature.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 3 MR. ANDERSON: Now, I did write down some things
- 4 here. I wanted to -- I guess I can't ask these folks any
- 5 questions.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I wasn't aware that you
- 7 wanted to testify in the first place or I would have
- 8 provided you the ability to ask questions.
- 9 MR. ANDERSON: Well, let me just -- they don't
- 10 have to answer me.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 12 MR. ANDERSON: I won't talk to them. I'll talk
- 13 to you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right.
- 15 MR. ANDERSON: Okay. And it will be on the
- 16 record. How many antennas are there now in Montgomery
- 17 County? How many more are planned?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Once again, you're asking kind of
- 19 global questions that are outside the purview. And these
- 20 are the same questions asked by Mr. Barge, that are outside
- 21 the purview of this hearing.
- This hearing is to decide whether or not the
- 23 applicants have complied with the statutory requirements.
- 24 All right. So whether or not there are five or 10 or 1,000
- 25 antennae in Montgomery County is not the issue. And we

- 1 can't resolve that issue.
- I'm not saying you're wrong. Maybe there should
- 3 be no cell towers at all. Maybe there should be more of
- 4 them. That's not what I can make a recommendation on. I
- 5 don't decide anything here. But I can't make a
- 6 recommendation on it.
- 7 MR. ANDERSON: Right, and --
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: So asking me these questions will
- 9 not get anywhere. It's beyond the scope of this hearing.
- 10 If you're talking about the specifics of this area, whether
- 11 or not they've met the statutory standards for setbacks,
- 12 whether or not this is located, whether there's a need for
- 13 it, whether it's located in the least intrusive area of the
- 14 site, you know, any of those things would be within the
- 15 purview. But you're asking questions that are beyond an
- 16 area that I can go into.
- You can find out the answer, I suspect, to many
- 18 of these questions by posing them to the County's
- 19 telecommunications office, which probably has figures on
- 20 all of those things that you want answers.
- 21 MR. ANDERSON: But you said earlier, from the
- 22 hearings that we've had here, that you're going to go and
- 23 talk to or report to --
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: What I do is I write a report, a
- 25 very specific report --

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1 MR. ANDERSON: Okay. You write a report.
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- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: -- regarding this particular
- 3 application.
- 4 MR. ANDERSON: Right.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: I write it and I address it to the
- 6 Board of Appeals --
- 7 MR. ANDERSON: Okay.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: -- which will decide this case.
- 9 And my report will be based on the record here, and the
- 10 evidence that's relevant to the issues that I'm required to
- 11 look at. It will not be based on a question of whether or
- 12 not there, whether T-Mobile is or is not being acquired by
- 13 AT&T. It will not be based on whether or not there are
- 14 1,000 other T-Mobile sites in the County or in the State or
- 15 in the country. It's going to be addressing this
- 16 particular site and this particular application.
- 17 And that report will cite the record here, will
- 18 report all of the testimony here, and will make a
- 19 recommendation to the Board of Appeals and will include the
- 20 recommendation for conditions, if I recommend granting the
- 21 special exception. And then the Board of Appeals will make
- 22 their own decision as to what they consider appropriate.
- MR. ANDERSON: Well, I guess we're shot down.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I'm not saying you're shot
- 25 down. I'm just saying that you have to address the issues

1 that are before me, not broader issues of policy. This is

- 2 not a policy, I'm not a policy maker here.
- 3 MR. ANDERSON: I understand.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: I am making decision on very
- 5 specific criteria.
- 6 MR. ANDERSON: So the policy is against us.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: Well, I don't want to say against
- 8 or for. It's just, it is a policy, and it is set forth in
- 9 the Zoning Ordinance.
- MR. ANDERSON: Right.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: And if you want to see exactly
- 12 what it says in the Zoning Ordinance, it's very specific,
- 13 and as to, you know, the criteria that are imposed here,
- 14 the land use criteria.
- 15 There are certain areas that we are not allowed
- 16 to go into that the federal government has preempted. For
- 17 example the question of whether or not there is a problem
- 18 in the radio frequency and people's health. The federal
- 19 government by statute has preempted that field and said we
- 20 cannot get into that at all.
- 21 As long as they certify, as they have here in
- 22 Exhibit 46, that they will meet the FCC regulations, we
- 23 can't get into any potential health effects. And so, but
- 24 the only other areas that I would look at are the land use
- 25 areas. And I think you've heard the testimony on that.

1 MR. ANDERSON: The one photograph that they took

- 2 apparently along White's Ferry Road --
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 4 MR. ANDERSON: -- they took pictures, apparently,
- 5 from the front of Henry's farm --
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 7 MR. ANDERSON: -- Mr. Barge's farm. And they
- 8 apparently tried to take a photo showing not the balloon, I
- 9 quess is what it's about. But anyhow --
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: They have two photos from there.
- 11 One shows the balloon, and one they simulate the tower.
- MR. ANDERSON: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Because they want you to see what
- 14 it will look like when the tower is up.
- MR. ANDERSON: Okay. I don't think they did that
- 16 on this photo.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: They may not have.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: Because it says it wasn't visible.
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: It may not have been visible from
- 20 there.
- 21 MR. ANDERSON: I can tell you why it's not
- 22 visible. First of all, the photo was taken down in the low
- 23 area. Mr. Barge's house sits back about almost 150 yards,
- 24 200 yards from the highway, up on a high knoll. And from
- 25 his house, a two-story house, he could see the tower, once

- 1 it's erected.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 3 MR. ANDERSON: I think they should have been, in
- 4 all fairness, they should have contacted him and asked if
- 5 they could have taken a photo from his house to see if the
- 6 balloon could be seen. And the possibility, certainly,
- 7 with the leaves off the trees, he will have to look at a
- 8 view of that tower.
- 9 But other than that, Mr. Goldman, I want to, I
- 10 guess, say that I've never been at anything like this.
- 11 It's been somewhat of an education. And you've been very
- 12 patient.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Thank you. I do want to hear from
- 14 the community. I think it's always important to get
- 15 community views. And I appreciate the fact that both of
- 16 you gentlemen have taken your time to come down here and
- 17 express your views. They are important to what we consider
- 18 here.
- MR. ANDERSON: Yes, two times.
- 20 MR. GROSSMAN: Right. Twice.
- 21 MR. ANDERSON: Yes, we had to come back.
- 22 MR. BARGE: We had to pay in the lot again.
- MR. ANDERSON: But we pay taxes in this County.
- 24 They don't. They don't live here.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: It's not something that I --

- 1 MR. ANDERSON: I know it's not in the thing that
- 2 they have -- they could be from Taiwan. And that would be
- 3 fine in this County if they wanted to put something in my
- 4 backyard or his back yard or your backyard.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- 6 MR. ANDERSON: That would be fine, no matter
- 7 where they're from. But as County residents for so many
- 8 years, I'm 75 and we moved here it was in '67, you were
- 9 probably a little boy then.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I wish I was a little boy in '67.
- MR. ANDERSON: But anyhow, I pay high taxes and I
- 12 appreciate at least the opportunity to express my feelings.
- 13 It's strictly environmental. I think these towers, we
- 14 should be not adding them. We should put a cap on them and
- 15 look for ways to remove them.
- 16 Now, technology will. These towers might only
- 17 last five or 10 years and they will be gone. Well, they
- 18 should be gone.
- 19 Another thing in their agreement, though, that
- 20 you want to watch, is I caught one of these people saying
- 21 that once these towers become inoperable --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- MR. ANDERSON: -- you know, out of date, because
- 24 of technology, the new technology, that they will be
- 25 removed after continuous use.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: For a period of time.
- 2 MR. ANDERSON: Right.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: It's a very specific condition
- 4 that we routinely have. Let me read it to you.
- MR. ANDERSON: But that mean to me that, well,
- 6 they might use the tower for three or four days, and then
- 7 they won't use if for two months.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: I see your point. But it's a
- 9 statutory provision. It's in the Zoning Ordinance. And as
- 10 a result -- we pretty much stick to the language. The
- 11 condition we usually impose is, the telecommunications
- 12 facility must be removed at the cost of the owner of the
- 13 telecommunications facility when the facility is no longer
- 14 in use by any telecommunications carrier for more than 12
- 15 months. That's pretty much track statutory language.
- 16 That's what it says.
- MR. ANDERSON: Well, Mr. Barge is here because
- 18 he's concerned about his County --
- MR. GROSSMAN: I understand.
- 20 MR. ANDERSON: -- and where he lives. He's not
- 21 here for monetary --
- 22 MR. BARGE: I'm not getting paid a nickel.
- MR. GROSSMAN: I understand.
- 24 MR. ANDERSON: Yes, he's not being paid for being
- 25 here.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: I understand.
- 2 MR. ANDERSON: And I hope that the County will
- 3 appreciate his efforts.
- 4 MR. BARGE: I did want to ask you one question,
- 5 Mr. Grossman.
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes, sir.
- 7 MR. BARGE: When everybody left for the five
- 8 minute recess --
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 10 MR. BARGE: -- a woman came in here and said, I
- 11 want you to know that the conversation that you're having
- 12 in here --
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- MR. BARGE: -- goes to all the offices, several
- 15 offices. That's like Richard Nixon. He hung himself.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: This is, the room, because it's a
- 17 public hearing, and because it's a public hearing --
- MR. BARGE: Well, don't you think there should be
- 19 a setup there. During recess, don't talk about anything,
- 20 or talk to anybody, anywhere, signed, Richard Nixon.
- 21 Because that's what hung him in his tapes. His tapes --
- 22 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. But don't keep on
- 23 picking up the microphone because I think that affects the
- 24 court reporter's things.
- 25 MR. BARGE: Oh, are you listening to me? Hello.

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1 MR. GROSSMAN: I think the important point is,
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- 2 it's a public hearing, and so everything that's said in
- 3 this room is subject to public scrutiny.
- 4 Mr. Hughes, I neglected to ask you if you have
- 5 any questions, cross-examination questions of Mr. Barge?
- 6 MR. HUGHES: No, thank you.
- 7 MR. GROSSMAN: And do you have any cross-
- 8 examination questions of Mr. Anderson?
- 9 MR. HUGHES: No, sir.
- 10 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you. Okay.
- 11 Then at this point in the hearing we'd like to know if you
- 12 want the exhibits introduced. We have Exhibits 1 through
- 13 46, and their subparts. Would you like to move them into
- 14 evidence?
- 15 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. I would like to move
- 16 those in.
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Any objection to the
- 18 exhibits coming into evidence? Hearing on objection,
- 19 Exhibits 1 through 46 and their subparts are admitted.
- 20 Okay. Now let's talk about, how much time to you want,
- 21 Mr. Hughes, to do the amended --
- 22 (Exhibit Nos. 1-46 were
- admitted into evidence.)
- MR. HUGHES: Could we have two weeks, sir?
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: Sure. Okay. So I've got a

- 1 calendar here. Do you want to consult with your --
- 2 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir. Thank you.
- 3 MR. GROSSMAN: We're just figuring out how much -
- 4 he has to submit an amended landscaping plan, and so he's
- 5 asking for two weeks to submit the amended landscaping
- 6 plan, which I will give him. And then we're figuring out
- 7 the dates by which the record will close, because I'll give
- 8 you an opportunity to look at it and make any comments you
- 9 want. You can file with our office. So I'll give you 10
- 10 days after he files the plan to make any comments you have
- 11 about the amended landscaping plan.
- MR. BARGE: I wanted to ask you another question.
- 13 It's too late now.
- MR. GROSSMAN: We're finished with the evidence
- 15 here.
- 16 MR. BARGE: Okay. I just want to bring this up.
- 17 When he submitted when I was here the first time, June
- 18 24th --
- 19 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes.
- 20 MR. BARGE: -- and he was 42 feet or 40 feet from
- 21 a property line.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Right.
- MR. BARGE: Prior to that, he had submitted
- 24 various T-Mobile drawings, but Park and Planning came back
- 25 and said, oh no, it must be a foot back from property line

- 1 for every foot of the tower.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: That's correct.
- 3 MR. BARGE: He knew that. He knew that ahead of
- 4 time.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. But that's irrelevant
- 6 now.
- 7 MR. BARGE: I know.
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: That's not where the tower is --
- 9 MR. BARGE: I know, but I'm just saying that he
- 10 knew that ahead of time. There was a reason for that.
- 11 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 12 MR. BARGE: But I did come back.
- 13 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes, sir. You did indeed.
- MR. BARGE: I did make it back. I won't make it
- 15 back to Montgomery County.
- 16 MR. GROSSMAN: I get it.
- 17 MR. BARGE: I'm moving to Baltimore County.
- 18 MR. GROSSMAN: I'm quite familiar with that area,
- 19 too.
- MR. BARGE: My area?
- MR. GROSSMAN: Wasche Road, yes.
- 22 MR. BARGE: Good. We have, well, it used to be a
- 23 good restaurant. We don't have it anymore. We have a lot
- 24 of farms.
- 25 MR. GROSSMAN: I know, it's a beautiful area.

- 1 MR. BARGE: This cell phone is across from a
- 2 historic property, the Jamison Farm, directly across from
- 3 it.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: We have to stop now because we're
- 5 past the evidence part, and I can't really listen to
- 6 additional evidence.
- 7 MR. BARGE: He's still on the meter?
- 8 MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. He's still on the meter.
- 9 He's figuring out a date here. But I can't listen to
- 10 additional evidence when he's not listening.
- 11 MR. BARGE: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Yes. It's all being recorded.
- 13 Mr. Barge, do you want to wait until we have date by which
- 14 you'll be able to see when the record will close and how
- 15 much time you'll have to give a response.
- 16 MR. BARGE: I'm not going to do anything else.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. Well, that's up to you.
- 18 You're free to leave now, or you can wait to hear the date,
- 19 which ever you prefer.
- MR. BARGE: He'll write it down.
- MR. GROSSMAN: Okay.
- 22 MR. BARGE: I'm going outside to take the scenery
- 23 in.
- 24 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Thank you very much,
- 25 Mr. Barge, for taking your time to come here twice.

- 1 MR. BARGE: Thank you, Mr. Grossman.
- 2 MR. GROSSMAN: I appreciate it.
- 3 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Barge. Two weeks,
- 4 Mr. Grossman.
- 5 MR. GROSSMAN: Okay. So we're talking it's now
- 6 September 19, the 26th, so it will be the 2nd of October,
- 7 which is a Sunday, so October 3?
- 8 MR. HUGHES: Yes, sir.
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So 10/3/11 applicant
- 10 to submit screening plan?
- 11 MR. HUGHES: Additional tree.
- MR. GROSSMAN: All right. Or submit revised plan
- 13 with additional screening. How about that?
- MS. MORRISON: That's fine.
- MR. HUGHES: Mr. Grossman, would you like me to
- 16 send Mr. Anderson a copy, too?
- 17 MR. GROSSMAN: Absolutely.
- 18 MR. HUGHES: Can I either bother you or him for
- 19 his address. I got part of it. I know it was Damascus. I
- 20 got the zip code.
- 21 MR. GROSSMAN: Just one second, sir. A copy will
- 22 go to Mr. Barge, and a copy will go to Mr. Anderson, a copy
- 23 to technical staff, and a copy to OZAH.
- 24 MR. HUGHES: Should I send Ms. Sturm one, also?
- 25 I did that the first time.

- 1 MR. GROSSMAN: Ms. Sturm didn't testify, so I
- 2 make that optional, but I think it's always a good idea. I
- 3 think it wouldn't be a bad idea for you to talk directly
- 4 with --
- 5 MR. HUGHES: I sent her the last time
- 6 MR. GROSSMAN: -- Mr. Barge, I was saying, about
- 7 his suggestion about his trees, but that's up to you. All
- 8 right. So that will be by October 3. And then we're going
- 9 to give them 10 days until October 13. Do you hear that
- 10 Mr. Anderson?
- MR. ANDERSON: Pardon?
- MR. GROSSMAN: He's going to submit his revised
- 13 plan which shows additional screening by October 3. Then I
- 14 give you and Mr. Barge 10 days, and technical staff, too,
- in which to make any comments you want about the revised
- 16 screening.
- 17 MR. ANDERSON: And the date is from?
- MR. GROSSMAN: From October 3.
- 19 MR. ANDERSON: That's when we receive it?
- MR. GROSSMAN: No, it will be 10 days from the
- 21 date they have to file it.
- MR. ANDERSON: Okay.
- MR. GROSSMAN: So they can get it to you quickly,
- 24 and then you will have until October 13 in which to send
- 25 any comment. But this is not generally open comments for

1 everything. It's restricted to comments about the

- 2 additional screening.
- 3 MR. ANDERSON: All right.
- 4 MR. GROSSMAN: So it's comments from technical
- 5 staff and the public. All right. And then do you want a
- 6 couple of days to respond to any comments, Mr. Hughes?
- 7 MR. HUGHES: Could we have two or three days,
- 8 Mr. Grossman?
- 9 MR. GROSSMAN: All right. So that would be the
- 10 14th, 17th, the 18th of October, because you have a weekend
- 11 intervening.
- MR. HUGHES: Okay. Thank you.
- MR. GROSSMAN: October 18, '11 for response, if
- 14 any, from applicant. And the record will close on October
- 15 18, which is also my wife's birthday, so I won't forget it.
- 16 All right. Is there anything further? If not, then we
- 17 are adjourned. Thank you very much, Mr. Anderson. I
- 18 appreciate very much you coming down and sharing your views
- 19 with us.
- 20 MR. ANDERSON: I appreciate it. Thank you.
- 21 (Whereupon, at 1:03 p.m., the hearing was
- 22 adjourned.)

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